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NOMINATING COMMITTEE: One representative from each Program organization, to be named by that organization prior to May 1; plus a Pastor/Advisor appointed by the Moderator.

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Central	Jimmie Stephens	3016 10 Avenue, SW, Hickory 28601
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(*) Indicates last name submitted

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, orphanage, state or south-wide agency or board within its borders.

2. There is no W.M.U., Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood or Music meeting during the sessions of our association. All these associations meet at some other time. No minutes of their meetings were furnished the clerk for publication except the W.M.U. Information on their work can be found in their reports to this body.

3. The calendar of activities of the association is incomplete at this time but will be issued at a later date.

4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of the Association and bear the name of the chairman of the committee only.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BROOKFORD (3) - Mrs. Dorothy Hefner, Mrs. Clyde Hilton, Henry F. Wallace
 CALVARY (H) (5) - Rev. Dexter E. Couch, Sr. (Pastor), A.D. Lowdermilk, Mrs. W.W. Marr, Ruby Willis
 CALVARY (N) (4) - Rev. Fred Thompson Pastor, M.L. Adair, Mrs. J.J. Pate, Bill Styers (1 visitor)
 CATAWBA (4) - Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr. (Pastor), Miss Edna Danner, Miss Susie Danner, Mrs. D.H. Webber (3 visitors)
 CENTRAL (6) - Rev. Gerald C. Goodwin (Pastor), Hubert Brooks, Alford Crow, Mrs. Gerald C. Goodwin, Andy Stephens, Mrs. Carolyn Vaughan (1 visitor)
 CLAREMONT, FIRST (3) - Rev. V.C. Martin (Pastor), William L. Allred, Guy F. Boggs
 CORINTH (5) - Rev. B.R. Holbrook (Pastor), Mrs. Braskie Brown, D.J. Danner, Mrs. B.R. Holbrook, Mrs. Vincent Johnson, Velma Stallings (3 visitors)
 EAST FIRST STREET (5) - Rev. Raymond H. Brown (Pastor), Mrs. C.G. Fox, Horace Mace, Mrs. Horace Mace, Thad L. Crump (3 visitors)
 EMMANUEL (5) - None
 FAIRBROOK (3) - Rev. Hampton L. Scronce (Pastor), E.J. Jackson, Mrs. Lester Mull
 FAIRGROVE (4) - Rev. James Millsaps (Pastor), Mrs. Ray Granger, Mrs. Edward Parsons, Mrs. Hazel Starnes (1 visitor)
 HICKORY, EAST (7) - Rev. B.T. Tucker, Jr. (Pastor), Carroll Burns, Mrs. R.B. Denton, Mrs. Joe Franklin, Albert Kirby, Mrs. Lindsey Miller, Jr., Clemmie Self
 HICKORY, FIRST (17) - Dr. J. Roy Robinson (Pastor), Rev. Alfred Andrews, Frelon Broome, David Byler, B.V. Chamblee, Mrs. J.R. Glenn, Donald E. Greene, J.D. Greene, Mrs. W.T. Stevenson, Mrs. J. Roy Robinson
 HICKORY, WEST (11) - Miss Helen Cater, A.E. Gabbard, Mrs. A.E. Gabbard, George Hemphill, Mrs. Sheila Lail, Boyd L. Matheson, Rev. J. Louis Price, Mrs. Lula Stallings
 HIGHLAND (15) - Rev. Roy Beals (Pastor), Mrs. Roy Beals, W.B. Duncan, Mrs. W.B. Duncan, A.C. Ogren, Mrs. A.C. Ogren, Mrs. Larna Robbins, Mrs. Wade Stamey, Julian S. Suggs, M.C. Turbyfill, V.H. White (43 visitors)

HILDEBRAN, FIRST (7) - B.J. Abernethy, Mrs. Carl Abernethy, J. Perry Abernethy, Mrs. J. Perry Abernethy, Mrs. Raymond Burns, Mrs. Virgil Mosteller
 ICARD (5) - Rev. Harvey Laughter (Pastor), Mrs. Harvey Laughter, Mrs. Melvin Newton, Mrs. Dale Wilson
 LAKEVIEW (5) - Rev. Walter Cooley (Pastor)
 LONGVIEW (5) - Rev. Roy Davis (Pastor), Charles Buchanan, Mrs. Fred Crump, Sr., Mrs. Roy Davis, J.A. Hutto, Leonard Tolbert, Nelle Tolbert
 MOUNTAIN GROVE (6) - Rev. Homer E. Bradey (Pastor), Mrs. Homer E. Bradey, Mrs. R.K. Hildebran, Mrs. A.C. Leatherman
 NEWTON, FIRST (10) - James E. Britt, Mrs. James E. Britt, Mrs. Eitell Burgess, Mrs. B.B. Burrus, R.W. Drum, Mrs. Roy Lee Furr, Mrs. B.C. Hilton, James A. Matson, Carrie Rogers, Mrs. Onnie Smith (2 visitors)
 NORTH NEWTON (8) - Rev. Bob Hillard (Pastor), Mrs. Wade Bandy, D.B. Berry, Linda Crawford, Joe C. Rhodes, Jerrel Stewart, Mrs. Fred Whisnant, Mrs. Carl Wilsom (1 visitor)
 OAKLAND HEIGHTS (4) - None
 OXFORD (3) - None
 PENELOPE (13) - Rev. J.R. Rowles (Pastor), Mrs. Ed Abernethy, Mrs. O.H. Cook, Harold Craig, Mrs. J. Harold Craig, Mrs. Melvin Jenkins (5 visitors)
 PROVIDENCE (4) - M.S. Brittain, Mrs. M.S. Brittain, D.H. Connor, Sr., Mrs. Gladys Cline (10 visitors)
 SANDY RIDGE (7) - Mrs. Floyd Barger, Mrs. Ray Killian, Mrs. Hal Owens
 SPRINGS ROAD (7) - Wray G. Barrett (Pastor), Mrs. Earl O'Brien, S.L. Reid, Mrs. Sam Reid, Edward Roupe
 STARTOWN (4) - Rev. James A. Bryant (Pastor), Mrs. Eugene Ledford, Linda Wilson
 SWEETWATER (4) - Rev. Lewis W. Williams (Pastor), Mrs. R.W. Bruner, Mrs. Earleen Lingerfelt, Mrs. Lewis Williams (10 visitors)
 TEMPLE (7) - Dr. Smoot Baker (Pastor), Mrs. Smoot Baker, Mrs. Richard H. Brittain, Cecil Mull, Henry Queen, Glen Waters, Mrs. Glen Waters (2 visitors)
 UNITY (3) - None
 VIEWMONT (15) - Rev. Albert A. Young (Pastor), Mrs. Dyke Annas, Charles R. Brown, Miss Janie Ellis, Mrs. Gene Hall, Jesse G. Hill, Jr., Don McAlpin, John Quinn, Myra Yount, Mrs. Lewis Withers
 WARLICK'S (7) - Rev. Matt L. Hastings (Pastor), Mrs. Clara Bridges, A.A. Crump, Mrs. A.A. Crump, Mrs. Matt Hastings, Mrs. Avery Orders, Mrs. Pearl Starnes
 WAYSIDE (3) - Edith Cook, Sandra Harsch
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 WOODLAWN (5) - D.M. Brunson, Mrs. D.M. Brunson, J.W. Perkins, Mrs. J.W. Perkins, J.S. Williams, Mrs. J.S. Williams

Visitors from outside the Association - 17

CONSTITUTION

Adopted October 25, 1956

Article I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches

through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objectives of the association.

Article V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 2. Special meetings of the association and/or the executive committee may be called upon request of any officer or committee of the association, or upon petition of a majority of the members of the executive committee, or like number of messengers to the past regular association meeting, provided that the intended purpose of the special business be stated in the announcement which shall be sent to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organizations, i.e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

Article VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Director of Music, three Trustees, Publicity Chairman, Parliamentarian and Central Training School Director.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time, Place and Preacher, Christian Life, Evangelism, Constitution and By-Laws, Ordination, Enrollment, Associational Office and Central Training School Committee.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented to the churches in writing prior to May 1 preceding the annual meeting.

By-Laws

Article I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals, and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

Article II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and/or Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with the exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Article III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation, counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the second successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify member churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings of their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal documents as directed by the association and/or the Executive Committee. They shall have the power under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property, both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administer the Scholarship fund. Their terms of office shall be for three years, with one trustee rotating off each year.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Section 10. The Publicity Chairman shall promote, through all available advertising media, all association activities.

Section 11. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Moderator, or other presiding officer, on any question of parliamentary procedure.

Section 12. The Central Training School Director shall in consultation with the Central Training School Committee establish the time, place and curriculum, special emphasis, special programs, and guest speakers for the Central Training School of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All Standing committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committee, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the Association organizations; Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union and Music. These shall be selected by their respective organizations by May 1st of each year and their names submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and recommendation to the annual meeting of the Association. This does not preclude nominations from the floor. The Moderator will appoint a pastor advisor to work with the committee. Members of the Nominating Committee may not succeed themselves for a period of one year.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, the Pastor and one layman from each church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES: The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Tuesday following the third Sunday of the second month of each quarter. It shall make such recommendations at the annual meeting or special meetings as it shall consider to the best interest of the work. It shall make an annual report of its proceedings to the association which shall be included in the minutes of the association. It shall conduct the business of the association between the annual session, provided that no

matter be initiated which is contrary to the prescribed policy of the association as set forth in the proceedings of its meetings. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association. It shall be empowered to elect such temporary committees as are necessary to effectively carry out the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers and the standing committees of the association, with the exception of the executive and nominating committees, and suggest the representative to the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. No person shall be nominated by the nominating committee for more than one elective office.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of six members. The Association Treasurer is ex-officio member of this committee. The committee is charged with the promotion of stewardship in the association. It will publicize widely and promote the various financial needs of the various phases of the Southern Baptist Convention's program at home and abroad. It shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget. The proposed budget and financial plans will be submitted to the churches for consideration fifty (50) days prior to the annual meeting. The committee shall audit the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting of the Association. The committee shall divide itself into two sub-committees of Stewardship and Auditing, in order to perform the duties set forth in this section of the By-Laws.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizens' Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Section 11. The Evangelism Committee shall consist of three members. It shall, under the direction of the executive committee, plan, promote and coordinate all association evangelistic activities.

Section 12. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five members. It shall, upon invitation of a member church and by direction of the moderator, assist in preparing and conducting the ordination services of candidates for the ministry.

Section 13. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws shall consist of three members. It shall review all proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations to the association as to their adoption or rejection. It shall, from time to time, submit such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws which it deems pertinent to the proper functioning of the association, its committees and organizations.

Section 14. The Enrollment Committee shall consist of a Chairman selected by the Nominating Committee and three associates from each of the host churches. This committee shall register the duly elected messengers to the annual meeting

of the association, distinguished guests, etc. They shall provide each messenger with copies of the program and the book of reports. They shall provide for the care and comfort of the guests and messengers by advising them of the various facilities of the host church and location thereof. They shall provide for the notification of pastors, messengers and guests of emergency calls. They shall assist the Moderator and the Association Clerk as requested by them.

Section 15. The Association Office Committee shall consist of five members. It is responsible for the general oversight and supervision of the operation of the Association Office consistent with acceptable office practices. It shall prescribe the duties of the Promotional Secretary through a comprehensive job description. It shall make recommendations to the Finance Committee with reference to salary, expense account, retirement plans, hospitalization insurance, convention and assembly expense, vacation and related items of the Promotional Secretary of the Association. It shall recommend to the Finance Committee an office expense budget each year. It shall be responsible for the procurement of proper office equipment deemed needful for the efficient operation of the Association Office. It shall serve to mediate any misunderstanding which may arise between the churches and the Promotional Secretary, and likewise to assist the Promotional Secretary in his/her relationships with the churches of the Association. All matters related to the operation and functions of the Association Office will be referred to this committee for study and recommendation.

Section 16. The Central Training School Committee shall consist of the Central Training School Director, the Association Sunday School Superintendent, the Association Brotherhood Director and the Association Music Director or their representative. This committee shall develop a comprehensive and progressive training school program embracing the main areas of religious education. They shall determine the curriculum of the annual training school, select the areas of special emphasis, select guest speakers and arrange for their care and comfort as guests of the association, arrange for general and special programs and features, as well as select the time and the location of the annual school and the members of the faculty thereof. They shall submit a budget estimate for the operation of the school to the Finance Committee for consideration and inclusion in the annual association budget. All matters related to the operation, function, scope and mission of the Central Training School will be referred to this committee for study and final recommended action to the association.

Article V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days' notice has been given to each of the member churches.

Proceedings

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

THURSDAY MORNING

Sweetwater Baptist Church

October 21, 1971

1. Moderator, Rev. Gerald Goodwin, called the Sixteenth annual session to order for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions. David Byler led the congregation in singing "O For A Thousand Tongues" with Mrs. Jerry Kale as pianist. A quartet composed of Ministers of Music, David Byler, Harold Craig, Charles Brown and Julian Suggs, sang "Rise Up, O Men of God" and "Only Jesus". Rev. James Bryant from Startown Church read Scripture from Colossians I and led in prayer.

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Program

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 21

Sweetwater Baptist Church

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| 9:30 | Hymn "O For A Thousand Tongues" | No. 5 |
| | Special Music | Ministers of Music Quartet |
| | Scripture and Prayer | Rev. James Bryant |
| 9:40 | ORGANIZATION OF SESSION | |
| | Constitution of Sixteenth Annual Session | |
| | Adoption of Order of Business | Rev. Roy Beals |
| | Welcome | Rev. Lewis Williams |
| | Introduction of New Pastors & Staff Members | Dr. Paul Hopkins |
| | Recognition of Visitors | |
| | Report of Registration | V.H. White |
| 9:55 | Hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" | No. 196 |
| 10:00 | COMMITTEE AND ORGANIZATION REPORT | |
| | Nominating Committee | Sunday School |
| | Central Training School | Church Training |
| | Finance Committee | Woman's Missionary Union |
| | Trustees | Brotherhood |
| | Evangelism | Music |
| 10:30 | Message in Song - Solo | |
| 10:35 | Message | Dr. W. Perry Crouch, Raleigh, |
| 11:05 | MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: | |
| | Place & Preacher Committee | |
| | Election of Officers | |
| | Other Business | |
| 11:30 | WORSHIP | |
| | Hymn "Jesus Calls Us" | No. 159 |
| | Scripture and Prayer | Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr. |
| | Message in Song | |
| | Sermon | Rev. Harvey Laughter |
| | Blessing and Benediction | Rev. Homer Bradey |
| 12:15 | LUNCH | |

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 21

Sweetwater Baptist Church

- 1:30 Hymn "Work For the Night Is Coming" No. 243
 Scripture and Prayer Rev. Roy Davis
 1:40 MEMORIAL SERVICE Rev. B.R. Holbrook
 1:50 "Baptist Work in North Carolina"
 Panel of representatives from the State Convention
 Institutions & Agencies with Dr. J. Roy Robinson moderating:
 BAPTIST FOUNDATION, COOPERATIVE PROGRAM: Ernest Upchurch; BIBLICAL
 RECORDER: representative; BAPTIST HOSPITAL: representative; CHILDREN'S
 HOMES: Dr. W.R. Wagoner; HOMES FOR THE AGING: W.A. Poole; GARDNER-
 WEBB COLLEGE: representative; MARS HILL COLLEGE: representative; WAKE
 FOREST UNIVERSITY: T.A. Hale; WINGATE COLLEGE: representative; CAMP-
 BELL COLLEGE: Dr. Hugh McKinney; MEREDITH COLLEGE: Gene A. Phillips;
 FRUITLAND BIBLE INSTITUTE: Gary Harthcock
 2:45 Hymn "O Zion, Haste" No. 151

- 2:50 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
- 3:00 THERON RANKIN OUTREACH - AT HOME AND IN THE WORLD
 Rev. Albert A. Young & Rev. Gerald Goodwin (Alaska)
 Julian Suggs, III (Ohio - Pioneer missions)
- 3:45 Benediction Rev. Alvin A. Walker

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21
 Penelope Baptist Church

- 7:30 Hymn "Showers of Blessings" No. 264
 Scripture and Prayer Rev. Fred Thompson
 Welcome Rev. James R. Rowles, Jr.
 Announcements
 BSU, Lenoir-Rhyne College Rev. Alfred Andrews
 Resolutions committee report
- 7:45 Music by Youth Choir - Highland Church
- 8:00 Evangelistic Message Rev. Jimmy Hinson, Raleigh
 Invitation Hymn "Just As I Am" No. 240
 Benediction Jesse G. Hill

4. The host pastor, Rev. Lewis Williams, extended a cordial welcome to the messengers and visitors. The moderator recognized visitors from outside our association with Mrs. Crotts from the South Mountain Association being present.

5. Dr. Paul Hopkins welcomed these new pastors and staff members: Rev. and Mrs. Homer Bradey, pastor, Mountain Grove; Rev. and Mrs. Roy Davis, pastor, Longview; Rev. W.J. Furr, pastor, First, Newton (who was in revival services in Nova Scotia); Miss Linda Crawford, director of music, education & youth, North Newton; Jesse G. Hill, minister of education, Viewmont; and Mrs. Wade Stamey, director of education at Highland; Eddie Johnson, director of music and youth at Springs Road, who are in school at Gardner-Webb College.

6. V.H. White, registrar, reported 149 messengers and 28 visitors from 31 churches have registered. Mr. Byler led in singing "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord".

7. Rev. David Byler, chairman of the Nominating committee, presented their report (as contained in this issue). These were elected.

8. J. Harold Craig, Director of Central Training School, told of plans for "M" and "M" (Music and Missions) emphasis to be held February 14-17, 1972 at First Church, Hickory.

9. Frelon W. Broome, Treasurer, presented a report of the financial status of the association during the year (as contained in this issue).

10. J. Perry Abernethy, chairman of the Finance committee, presented the proposed budget amounting to \$14,689.00 which was adopted (as printed in this issue).

11. The moderator recognized Mr. James Britt, chairman of the Trustees, who yielded his time to Rev. Alfred Andrews, chairman of the Special Study committee on Associational Scholarships. Mr. Andrews presented their recommendation concerning Scholarships and this report was adopted (as contained in this issue).

12. The chairman of Evangelism was not present for a report; however, we were referred to this report in the "Book of Reports". Announcement was made concerning the Lay Evangelism Conference for Baptist and Methodist Men being held the following evening at First Baptist Church, Hickory.

13. Rev. Walter Cooley, Association Sunday School Director, spoke briefly on Sunday School work.

14. Gary Whitener, Church Training Director, reviewed activities for the year and spoke of plans in youth work for next year.

15. The Woman's Missionary Union work was recognized.

16. There was no report on Brotherhood activities.

17. Charles Brown, Director of Music Ministry, spoke briefly and recognized Julian

Suggs who will serve next year as director.

18. Mr. Byler called for the Nominating committee to meet with him during lunch.

19. Mr. Byler sang "People to People". Dr. W. Perry Crouch, General Secretary-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, brought a message challenging us to meet the great challenge before us in North Carolina.

20. The Hymn, "May God Depend On You", was sung. It was announced that our Cooperative giving in Theron Rankin Association increased by \$19,531. or 11.4% and total missions gifts by \$38,083. or 13.5% this year.

21. Dr. J. Roy Robinson, a member of the Place and Preacher committee, presented their report which was adopted as follows: Date - October 19, 1972 with the morning and afternoon sessions at Highland Church; the evening session at Longview Church. To preach the annual sermon: Rev. Wray G. Barrett; alternate: Rev. B.T. Tucker, Jr.

22. On motion from the floor these officers were elected: Moderator, Rev. Gerald Goodwin; Vice-moderator: Rev. Roy Beals. Mr. White reported registration of 149 messengers and 28 visitors from 31 churches.

24. During the miscellaneous business, Frelon Broome asked that Rev. Bill Denton, Chaplain at Catawba Memorial Hospital, be given time to speak briefly on his work there. This request was granted. Churches were urged to support this work financially.

25. Dr. Robinson asked for the personal privilege of expressing appreciation for the ministers and the association in his nine years here as he goes to his new work at Gardner-Webb College.

26. Mr. James Britt brought words from Mr. B.B. Burrus who was unable to attend because of ill health.

27. Host pastor, Rev. Williams, gave arrangements for serving lunch.

28. During the worship period Mr. Byler led in singing "Jesus Calls Us". Rev. Glen Ramsey read Scripture from Mark 1:14-20 and led in prayer. Charles Brown sang a solo "Lord Let Me Live Today". Rev. Harvey Laughter, pastor of Icard Church, brought the annual sermon in which he challenged us to find God's will for our lives in serving Christ through the church in today's world. Rev. Homer Bradey led the benediction.

29. A bountiful lunch was served by the host church at noon.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 21 Sweetwater Baptist Church

30. The group sang "Happy Birthday" to V.H. White, Enrollment chairman, who has served in this capacity during each year of our sixteen year history.

31. Mr. Goodwin recognized the Vice-moderator, B.J. Abernethy, who presided during the afternoon session. With Charles Brown leading, the Hymn, "Work For the Night Is Coming" was sung. Rev. Roy Davis read Scripture from Mark 4 and led in prayer.

32. Rev. B.R. Holbrook led in a Memorial service for members of our churches deceased during the year.

33. "Baptists at Work in North Carolina" was presented by a panel moderated by Dr. J. Roy Robinson. Those participating were Ernest C. Upchurch, Cooperative Program and Baptist Foundation; Marse Grant, BIBLICAL RECORDER; Andrew Lester, Baptist Hospital; Dr. W.R. Wagoner, Children's Homes; Claud Dick, Homes for the Aging; Dan Proctor, Gardner-Webb College; T.A. Hale, Wake Forest University; Dr. Hugh McKinney, Campbell College; Gene A. Phillips, Meredith College; Dr. W.L. Lynch, Mars Hill College; Gary Harthcock, Fruitland Bible Institute.

34. The Hymn, "O Zion, Haste", was sung. Mr. White reported 154 messengers and 40 visitors from 32 churches have now registered.

35. During the miscellaneous business period announcement was made of the showing of the Billy Graham film "For Pete's Sake" at the Terrace Theatre in Hickory. The Resolutions committee was asked to meet at 7:15 p.m. at Penelope Church.

36. "Theron Rankin Outreach - At Home and In the World" was presented by Rev.

Albert A. Young, pastor of Viewmont Church and Rev. Goodwin, pastor of Central Church, who told of their participation in a preaching mission in Alaska; and Julian Suggs, III, minister of music and youth at Highland Church, who told of their work in pioneer missions in Ohio with their youth conducting Vacation Bible School and singing and their pastor holding revival services. Slides were shown from both of these activities.

37. Announcement was made concerning the evening session at Penelope Church. Dr. Ben Byrd of Saluda, S.C. has accepted the call to come as pastor at First Church, Hildebran. Rev. Alvin A. Walker led the benediction.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21 Penelope Baptist Church

38. The evening session began at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator, Gerald Goodwin, presiding. Harold Craig led in singing "Showers of Blessing" with Miss Linda Crawford as organist. Rev. Fred Thompson read Scripture from John 15 and led in prayer. The Host Pastor, Rev. James R. Rowles, extended a welcome.

39. The Moderator recognized B.J. Abernethy, out-going Vice-moderator, and Rev. Roy Beals, in-coming Vice-moderator; congratulated Miss Janie Ellis, chairman of the Publicity committee, for the up-to-date news release in the newspaper today; and recognized Donald Greene for his services as Parliamentarian.

40. Rev. Alfred Andrews, Pastor-advisor to the Baptist Student Union at Lenoir-Rhyne College, spoke briefly on the ministry there and presented John Hawkins, president of this group, who spoke on their activities and asked us to encourage local Baptist students to attend their meetings.

41. Rev. James Millsaps, chairman of the Resolutions committee, presented the Resolutions which were adopted as contained in this issue.

42. Rev. T.A. Lineberger, Director of South Mountain Baptist Camp, spoke briefly on their activities.

43. The Youth Choir from Highland Church, under the direction of Julian Suggs, sang "Lord, Let Me Go Out Into the World", "Be Thou My Vision", and "Pass It On"

44. Mr. White reported a new registration of 18 messengers and 61 visitors for the evening session.

45. Rev. Jimmy Hinson, associate secretary of the State Department of Evangelism, brought a message on "What In This World Will You Do?". The Invitation Hymn, "Just As I Am", was sung. Jesse Hill led the benediction.

46. The total registration for the day was 175 messengers and 104 visitors, a total of 279 persons from 33 churches. Emmanuel, Oakland Heights, Oxford, and Unity were not represented. It rained throughout the entire period.

Reports

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Walter Cooley

First of all let me introduce our fine staff of Sunday School officers for 1971-1972; Gerald Goodwin, Adult Director; Jesse Hill, Youth Director; Mrs. Jesse Hill, Children's Director; Mrs. Gary Whitener, Preschool Director and Miss Linda Crawford, our V.B.S. Director. These competent leaders are at your service for personal or group consultation.

Our V.B.S. Clinic held in April 1971 gave us just the help we needed. A special commendation goes to Mr. Harold Craig and his fine staff; Mrs. Bob Hillard, Mrs. Smoot Baker, Mrs. B.R. Holbrook, Mrs. Harold Craig, Mrs. Alfred Andrews and Mrs. Gary Whitener. A special thanks to First Church, Hickory for their gracious hospitality once again.

Reaching people for the Lord Jesus Christ has always been our major task. When we lift our eyes, we see the fields white unto harvest. My prayer is that we will carry out the second aspect of II Timothy 2:15 and BE WORKMEN. Remember, as the Sunday School goes so goes the Bible teaching and people reaching ministry of your church.

REPORT OF CHURCH TRAINING

Gary Whitener

We of the Church Training Department feel that this has been another good year for training. We think that Christian people are becoming more aware of the need for people to become trained to do the task of our Lord. The year started with a very challenging "M" Night service. We had Mr. Charles Dunn, Director of the state Bureau of Investigation to speak to us on the topic of Drug Abuse and Crime in our state. There were 523 present with 32 churches from our association represented.

We have been very involved with youth activities, and in April we sponsored a one-day retreat for our youth at Fruitland. This was an exciting experience for all those who participated. Church Training Tournaments were not held this year. There was material prepared for only the Older Children's Division and this material was late. Most churches could not get prepared. In August Church Training helped sponsor a youth retreat at Wingate College. The attendance was very good. Mr. Jesse Hill, Minister of Education and Youth at Viewmont Church was in charge of the program. Mr. Hill's presentation of the program using the theme, "One Man" was outstanding.

We are looking now to December 6, 1971. This will be "M" Night. Mountain Grove Church will be the host church this year with the Reverend Marion Powell of Wilmington as guest speaker. We have visited in many churches this year to encourage Church Training. If you think we can be of assistance to your church, please call us. TRAIN, IT'S THE CHRIST LIKE THING TO DO.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. Rose Wolff

"Expect great things from God; Attempt great things for God". William Carey preached on this subject five months before helping found a missionary society and nine months before he became one of its first missionaries.

"A challenging motto. One which speaks to us. One strangely echoed by the Southern Baptist Convention theme for the year: 'Living the Spirit of Christ in Expectancy and Creativity'". (Excerpts from 1971-72 SBC Yearbook)

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me". John 15:3-5.

These words of Jesus and William Carey should challenge women and young people to a greater discipleship during the ensuing year.

Highlights of this year found W.M.U. meeting as an association for information, learning skills, inspiration and good Christian fellowship. We began with our Leadership Clinic held at East Hickory Church with age-level conferences led by our associational WMU officers. The women again met for learning skills when the age-level manuals were taught at Penelope Church during February.

February also highlighted the Acteens Rally at Sandy Ridge Church. Miss Anna Oliver, a "Missionary Kid" from South America, now a student at Mars Hill, was the guest speaker.

In April the women went to Catawba Church for their annual meeting. A wonderful missionary couple, the Troy Bennetts', Pakistan, were speakers. We were pleased and thrilled to have a group of Acteens and men attend.

August found the Associational Officers and Miss Cater in our WMU Camp at Mundo Vista for a weekend of study.

We covet your prayers as we seek to remain in Jesus, and He in us, in our task of enlisting our churches in mission action areas of economically disadvantaged, headliners, juvenile and prisoner rehabilitation, moral problems and drug abuse, with emphasis on family missions, on mission study and mission support through prayer and gifts.

REPORT OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Charles R. Brown

This has truly been a year of change and adjustment for the music ministry of the association. Change because Mr. Woodrow Funderburke was elected as our new associational music director and he left us early this year to become minister of music-youth in Matthews, N.C. Adjustments because I was called upon to complete his year of associational music leadership.

The following will direct your attention to some of the musical activities enjoyed by us in the year just completed.

1. The annual Associational Music Conference (dinner meeting) was held at Highland Church with 94 people representing 13 churches attending. (Again we enjoyed a period of choral reading led by different ministers of music in the association.)

2. The "Beginning Music Reader" course was offered during Central Training School this past February with 80 people enrolling. (We look forward to this next year's Training School when MORE music studies are being offered.)

3. The Regional Choir Festival was held in Statesville and Valdese with some five churches in our Association taking part.

4. A State Youth Music Workshop was held at First Church, Hickory in the Spring.

5. Summer assemblies at Fruitland and Caswell were attended by several youth groups from our Association.

6. Youth groups from First Church, Hickory and Highland made "Summer Mission Trips".

7. Youth Choirs of First, Hickory, Highland and Viewmont combined to present a program of music in August.

Now here we are, looking to another new year of music activities. We hope your church will learn of the activities planned during this year and that YOU'LL find yourself completely involved in new musical experiences that will enable you to "Sing Unto the Lord a New Song".

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD

(no report received)

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

(no report received)

REPORT ON THE ANNUITY BOARD

J. Roy Robinson

As prices of goods increased and the value of the dollar decreased in 1970, a large number of Baptist pastors, church staff members and denominational employees moved to provide greater protection in the years ahead for themselves and their families. Most of these persons did so by increasing their Southern Baptist Protection Program participation to at least ten per cent of total salary.

While members upgraded, the Annuity Board was introducing Good Experience Credit. This gives Protection Program members benefits over and above the amounts set forth in their certificates.

Increased benefits are made possible by interest earnings in excess of the Protection Program's initial actuarial assumptions. Since January 1, 1970, active members received Good Experience Credit in the form of increases in retirement credits accrued.

Retired persons also get Good Experience Credit. Persons receiving benefits other than education, variable or fixed period are getting four per cent more income each month.

Each retired person, or widow, also received a "13th Check" for 1970 amounting to 8.33 per cent of his annual benefit. It was the fifth consecutive year the "13th Check" had been given and amounted to \$424,594.

In its 53 year history, the Annuity Board has paid benefits amounting to \$82.1 million; \$8.4 million was paid in benefits during 1970.

An Annuity Board Protection program is available to cover all the needs of a pastor, church staff member or denominational employee. Many churches help by paying the dues in retirement and life and health insurance plans. Information on any part of the Annuity Board's programs may be obtained from the state convention office or from the Development Division, Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas 75201.

We now have 28 churches enrolled in the protection program with 34 members. This means nine churches do not have this coverage. We urge others to enter just as soon as possible.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE COMMITTEE

Harld Whitener

(No report has been received, however, this committee did recommend salary and other benefits for the Promotional Secretary to the Finance Committee.)

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

Earl L. Melton

In accordance with your instructions, we have examined the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association, Hickory, North Carolina for the year ended September 30, 1970, and present herewith our report.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

CASH IN BANK, \$1,772.37: Cash in Bank was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

CASH IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, \$14,757.70: Cash in Savings Account at First Savings & Loan Association of \$10,000.00 and at Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Association of \$4,757.70 was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

INCOME, \$22,708.68: Receipts from churches, sale of property on Highway 127 and miscellaneous income were traced from the receipts journal into the bank account.

EXPENSES, \$22,653.80: Invoices and other supporting documents for the expenses of the Association were examined and traced into the disbursements journal on a test basis.

We found the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association to be well kept and complete, thereby making it possible to locate the information needed in connection with our examination.

REPORT OF CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL

J. Harold Craig

With assistance from the Church Training Department of the State Baptist Convention and from several other workers outside our association, a very successful Central Training School was conducted March 1-4, 1971. For the first time, the new study course books for Sunday School and Church Training were offered and were received with a good response.

The total enrollment reached 639 with an average attendance of 496 and 32 out of our 37 churches represented.

The 1972 school will be held February 14-17 with music and missions leadership as the major emphasis. Again, we will be assisted with leadership from the State and Southern Baptist Conventions from these two departments.

Classes will be provided for all groups to meet all interests.

Church leaders are encouraged to give the school wide publicity and make an effort to have a large group of workers present.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(no report received)

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Albert A. Young

For many years the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was considered relatively unimportant, but now it is recognized as a valuable source of assistance in presenting the claims of God on human life.

The Commission now has some seventy tracts available on the practical dimensions (social gospel, if you will) of the Christian faith. It also has many pamphlets on aging, capital punishment, generation gap, open housing, pollution, population explosion, sex education and taxation. An order form is available upon request.

During the past year, some of the best attended and quality conferences have been held. Some of which have been carried on the national broadcasting companies' "Faith in Action" program.

To help our churches in Christian sex education, the Commission in cooperation with the church training department has prepared CHRISTIAN SEX EDUCATION: A RESOURCE PACKET. This material is available in our Baptist Book Stores.

The Commission has also prepared materials on drug education. This material contains basic factual information about drug abuse plus a Christian viewpoint on how to remedy this malady.

The Commission's objective is to help develop the kind of Christian morality, both private and public, which undergirds the total Southern Baptist witness for Christ.

We can no longer shirk responsibility or pretend that great problems do not exist in all phases of life; we must, as Southern Baptists, face up to the ills of our world and become instruments for the application of the Christian faith in our world.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

(no report received)

REPORT OF THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

James R. Rowles, Jr.

Under the brilliant leadership of William Lamb, our State Evangelism Secretary, the Theron Rankin Association was afforded the opportunity of having a Simultaneous Revival Crusade in 1973 using Convention personnel as their speakers. This was agreed upon by the association and the date of April 8-15, 1973 was set up as the date for our Simultaneous Crusade. Eighteen churches cooperated together so far and have secured Convention personnel. Other churches are contemplating entering this Crusade and there is still time for churches to enter. There are still many of our splendid state workers available to lead Revival meetings at various churches. This will be more than just an ordinary Simultaneous campaign as one can see by the use of Convention personnel.

October 30-November 5, 1972 has been set aside as our possible date for our Lay Evangelism School. This will be held in the Highland Baptist Church. Pastors were instructed by Bill Lamb as to the full implications of this school. The Lay Evangelism Schools are having marvelous success throughout the width of our Convention. If a church desires to enter the Lay Evangelism School they should immediately notify the Evangelism Committee through the Associational Office. The WIN material and other materials will be presented and the latest techniques on winning people to Jesus Christ.

The Jesus Revolution has taught us the advantages of a one-to-one contact with individuals in reaching them for Christ.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Miss Helen Cater, Clerk

This committee held four sessions during the year with an average attendance of 31 from 29 churches which is an increase over the previous year. Reports were received from the organizations and committees and their reports in this issue contain their activities. Gerald Goodwin, Moderator, presided over two sessions and the Vice-Moderator, B.J. Abernathy, presided over two sessions.

Actions taken by the Executive Committee are as follows:

- ...elected other officers for 1971-72 as recommended by Nominating Committee: Brotherhood Director, Fred Austin; Baptist Hospital Representative, Charles Eller.

- ...decided not to recommend any change in the annual meeting schedule for the present time; however, it was decided to appoint a committee to see what other associations are doing. In February the Moderator appointed the committee as follows: Frank Thomas, chairman, Lewis Williams, James R. Rowles. In August Rev. Bob Hillard was added to the committee as Chairman (replacing Frank Thomas who is out of the association) and this committee was asked to consider this matter.

- ...approved recommendation of Trustees for Scholarships and reports of the Nominating and Finance committees for presentation at the annual session for final approval.

- ...authorized the Moderator to appoint a committee to work with the Trustees in formulating a plan of administering the Scholarships, their recommendation to be presented at the annual session. He appointed the following: Rev. Alfred Andrews, chairman, Rev. Bill Furr, Rev. James Millsaps, Harold Craig.

Reports of activities in the various churches were given at most of the sessions.

A complete copy of the Executive Committee MINUTES are on file at the Association Office. Also, copies of the THERON RANKIN NEWS, which is mailed to the leadership of the churches and convention each month, are on file there.

REPORT OF EXTENSION COMMITTEE

This committee had no activities during the year.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Mrs. Dale Wilson

At the close of 1970 the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board had an overseas missionary staff of 2,501. Between January and May, 1971, 35 more were added. There are hundreds of calls for reinforcements in personnel, some repeated from previous years, still urgent, yet unfilled.

Southern Baptist Missionaries are under appointment to 76 areas. Organized churches with which our missionaries are related on mission fields now total 5,853, of which 75% are self-supporting.

The program of evangelism included many types of ministry. To mention just one, the number of radio and television programs increased and special communications workshops were held in several areas during the year.

The development of National leaders through theological schools is of special importance. Educational institutions under Baptist auspices in various lands include all levels from kindergarten through university.

Publication ministries are an integral part of Southern Baptist overseas missions. Our missionaries assisted in producing over 27 million pieces of literature: tracts, books, periodicals, Bibles, hymnals, and other items.

The program of hospitals and medical care serves the physical needs of thousands of people who would otherwise be neglected and often opens strategic doors for evangelistic witness. During 1970 more than 51,000 inpatients were treated. In this area of witness, critical personnel needs to continue.

At the end of 1970, Southern Baptists' contributions for foreign missions totaled \$31,503,218 (a per capita gift of \$2.71). The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering had reached a total of \$16,220,105 by May 1971. Still needed urgently are land, buildings, and equipment.

Surely we must "pray without ceasing", that His truth might be known to all the world.

"Open your eyes and look at the fields - they are white all ready for the harvest."

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

Mrs. W.B. Duncan

The Youth of our Association has been in the limelight this year. CALVARY, HICKORY had three young men to dedicate themselves for the ministry. HICKORY, FIRST held a Youth Revival with six students from Campbell College leading. Their Youth Choir, David Byler, director, went on tour through the Northeast. HIGHLAND Youth Choir, Julian Suggs, director, presented folk musical, "Now Hear It Again", at shopping centers. Forty-two young people and adults made pioneer missions trip to McArthur, Ohio holding two Vacation Bible Schools and their pastor, Rev. Roy Beals, held revival services there at the same time. NEWTON, FIRST ordained Stephen Kirby to Gospel Ministry. Chuck Sparks served as summer youth worker. PENELOPE: Dennis White served as summer youth worker. An ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH MINI-RETREAT was held in April at Fruitland with 110 attending. In August a WEEK-END YOUTH RETREAT was held at Wingate College with 177 young people and counselors from 15 churches attending.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS... "M" Night was held at West Hickory with 32

churches represented by 523 people. Central Training School in March presented leadership courses in Sunday School and Church Training. Thirty-two churches were represented. Ten churches heard Miss Kate Ellen Gruver during Home Missions Week. All thirty-seven churches reported Vacation Bible Schools.

CHURCH NEWS...CALVARY, HICKORY purchased a church bus. CALVARY, NEWTON started newsletter; purchased lot for pastorium and started construction. CATAWBA air-conditioned pastorium. CORINTH air-conditioned auditorium. CENTRAL called Miss Nancy Hildebran to serve part-time as Music, Education Director; Pastor, Rev. Gerald Goodwin, went on preaching mission to Alaska; church is now debt free. EMMANUEL, NEWTON holds Sunday School at Catawba Valley Nursing Home, has radio and bus ministry. HIGHLAND called Mrs. Wade Stamey as education director; has a new mini-bus. HILDEBRAN, FIRST, pastor, Rev. Ted Starnes, resigned; Rev. Alvin Walker is interim pastor. ICARD purchased house and lot adjoining present property and paved parking lot; remodeled education building; air-conditioned pastorium, church is now debt free. LAKEVIEW has Louis Robinson serving part-time as director of music; started Kindergarten. LONGVIEW called Rev. Roy Davis of Georgia as pastor. MOUNTAIN GROVE has new pastor, Rev. Homer Bradey. NEWTON, FIRST called Rev. William J. Furr as pastor; Tom Lundy resigned as Minister of Music and Education to further his studies. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Craig were called as Minister of Music and organist (respectively).

NORTH NEWTON has a Day Care Center; plans to build a new pastorium; has called first full time Music, Education and Youth Director, Miss Linda Crawford. OAKLAND HEIGHTS, pastor, Rev. Berry Lafone, resigned; church called Rev. Larry Winebarger of Lenoir as pastor. OXFORD holds Sunday School class at River Bend Nursing Home. PENELOPE is debt free; purchased a 32 passenger bus; air-conditioned home of Minister of Music and Education. PROVIDENCE, pastor, Rev. Richard Martin, resigned. SANDY RIDGE has Rev. E. C. Robinson as interim pastor. SPRINGS ROAD called Eddie Johnson as director of Music & Youth. STARTOWN called Rev. James A. Bryant as pastor; ordained Ervel Jones to ministry and he is serving as associate pastor at Fairbrook; completed fellowship hall; started library and bought an organ. Dillon Cannon is now serving as their Music director. VIEWMONT opened a Kindergarten; installed an Allen organ; Adult choir has new Christmas album; Jesse G. Hill called as Minister of Education & Youth; Rev. Albert Young, pastor, went on preaching mission to Alaska. WEST HICKORY, pastor, Frank H. Thomas, resigned. Rev. Thomas Stephens is serving as interim. WINKLER'S GROVE adopted rotation of deacons. WOODLAWN, pastor, Rev. M. W. Bodlien, resigned as pastor and Rev. John Pollock is serving as interim; conducts Sunday School and worship services at Catawba Valley Nursing Home.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Mrs. Smoot Baker

The restructuring of the staff of the Board in 1970 was for strengthening their efforts to assist churches in missions and evangelism. Three sections were formed: (1) Planning and Coordination, (2) Program Implementation, (3) Program Services; and a Personnel Division was created.

A brief review of the highlights of the work follows:

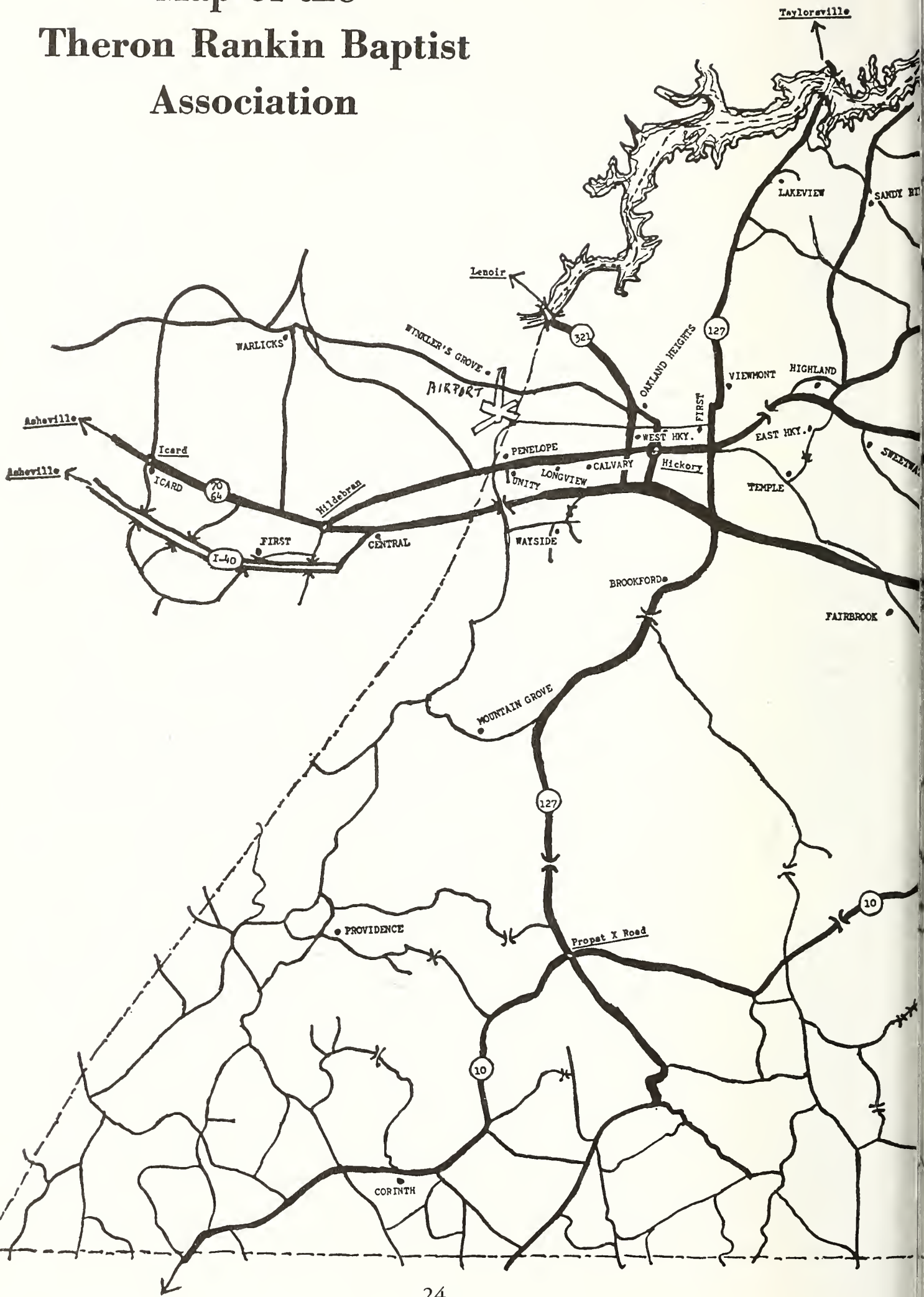
...2,222 missionaries serve in 50 states, Puerto and Panama.

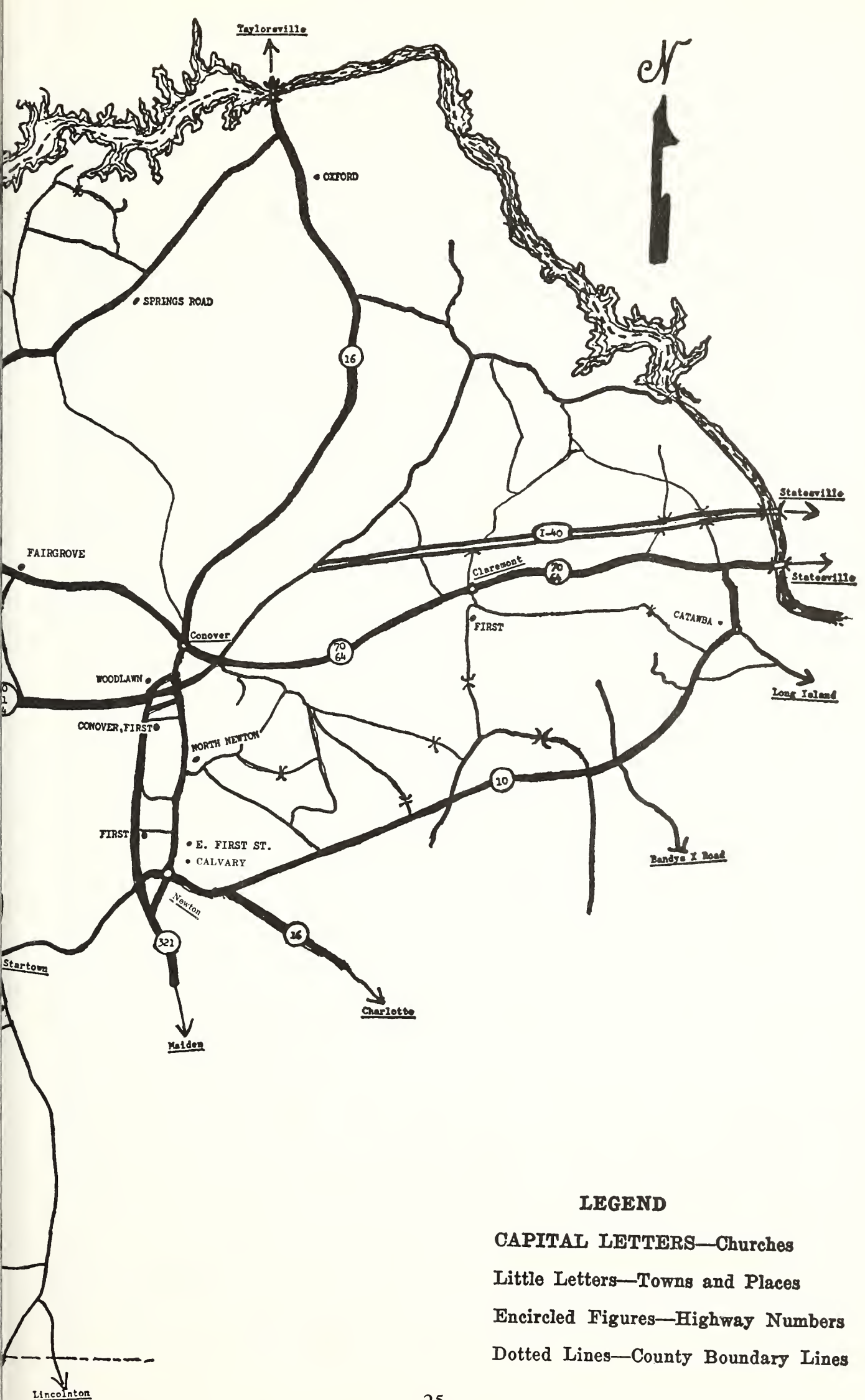
...1,032 language missionaries work in 41 states, the District of Columbia, Cuba, Panama and Puerto Rico. Japanese and Filipino work was begun in Hawaii and Spanish-speaking in New Orleans. Baptisms in Cuba continue to increase in spite of hardships.

...940 Student Summer Missionaries report 6,645 professions of faith.

...942 chaplains serving in the military, hospitals, and industry report 11,086 professions of faith and 850 units of work.

Map of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association





- ...About 350 new churches and church-type missions were established.
 - ...Church growth in pioneer areas increased 25% over 1969. New conventions were organized for Pennsylvania-South Jersey and for West Virginia.
 - ...Church loans were made for 126 churches and 81 other loans were committed.
 - ...Lay evangelism, aimed at preparing laymen in sharing their faith, was put into operation.
 - ...Community Ministries added 35 new works in 15 cities and helped 500 churches and Baptist Centers in developing church weekday ministries.
 - ...The "Department of Work with Nonevangelicals" changed its name to "Inter-faith Witness" aiming at a stronger, broader, more definite title.
 - ...The "Cooperative Program Travel Guide" was distributed presenting information to interest people wanting to visit mission places.
 - ...Two motion pictures, WHAT IS THE CHURCH and THE CITY - WHERE THE ACTION IS, have been used widely and profitably.
 - ...The Division of Communication with the American Bible Society distributed hundreds of Scriptures free because almost \$15,000. was made available through the Society and volunteer donations.
 - ...Projected plans include using television to present the Christian faith and adding a staff member for youth evangelism in high schools.
- Our own association participated in a pilot project during the Home Missions Week of Prayer, having Miss Kate Ellen Gruver with us.
- The work of the Board, of the Association, of the local church, is to carry out the objective of our Lord: to win the lost to Him. All the foregoing are aimed at accomplishing that objective.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dr. Smoot Baker

Our committee has had no applications for membership into our Association. Therefore, we have nothing to recommend at this time.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

David O. Byler, Chairman

Clerk	Miss Helen Cater
Treasurer	Frelon W. Broome
Historian	Mrs. W. B. Duncan
Parliamentarian	Donald E. Greene
Trustees ...	George F. Hemphill (chmn.) Term expiring 1972; M. C. Turbyfill, Term expiring 1973; Wilson W. Aultman, Term expiring 1974
Sunday School Director	Walter L. Cooley
Church Training Director	Gary Whitener
Woman's Missionary Union Director	Mrs. Rose Wolff
Brotherhood Director	(to be named)
Music Director	Julian S. Suggs, III

STANDING COMMITTEES

- PROGRAM: Albert Young, chmn., Mrs. Roger Childres, Mrs. Smoot Baker, Julian Suggs, Host pastors (1972 session)
- MEMBERSHIP: J. Roy Robinson, chmn., J. Louis Price, Cecil Mull, H. M. Denton, Jr., J. Perry Abernethy

RESOLUTIONS: Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, chmn., B. V. Chamblee, Mrs. H. J. Whitener, Mrs. Roger Jordan, V. C. Martin

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Alfred Andrews, chmn., William R. Sigmon, Murray Tate, Jr.

EXTENSION: B. T. Tucker, Jr., chmn., Fred W. Stafford, Matt Hastings, James Millsaps, Fred Mull

FINANCE: Edsel E. Hoyle, chmn., Earl Melton, Ray Birchfield, Harold E. Deal, R. D. Buie, Parks Rogers, F. W. Broome, Ex Officio

PLACE & PREACHER: James E. Britt, chmn., Harry Barger, Raymond H. Brown, Mrs. Dale Wilson, Paul J. Hopkins

CHRISTIAN LIFE: Bob Hillard, chmn., David L. Stewart, Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., Buddy Whitener, Boyce Dobbins

ORDINATION: B. R. Holbrook, chmn., Harvey Laughter, William J. Furr, Alvin A. Walker, Earl Roberts

PUBLICITY: Frank Poovey, chmn., Miss Janie Ellis, Mrs. Virgil Martin

EVANGELISM: James R. Rowles, chmn., Charles R. Brown, J. Rudy Roberts

ENROLLMENT: V. H. White, chmn., plus three associates from each of the host churches

ASSOCIATION OFFICE: Homer Bradey, chmn., Smoot Baker, Roy Davis, David Byler, Mrs. Sylvia Lail

CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL: J. Harold Craig, Director; plus the head of each program organization or their representative

GENERAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE: Rev. Roy Beals

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: One representative from each Program organization, named by that organization prior to May 1, plus a Pastor-Advisor appointed by the Moderator of the Association.

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

E. Ted Chandler, M.D.

Let a graduating senior express what it is like to live in one of our Baptist Children's Homes: "I really do not know how to write about a place which has been so fine, and which has given me the opportunity to worship, work and learn; not only where we stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where we stand in moments of challenge and moments of controversy. After all these years, one finally learns that certain values and practices are good and sound and help children to feel secure and happy."

This statement could be made by almost any senior regarding his home and community, for a child in the care of the Baptist Children's Homes has basically the same attitudes and values as other children. He differs from other children only in the tragic experiences which have made it necessary for him to live away from his family. For these children, it is our mission to provide loving care in the spirit of Jesus Christ. We want to work in harmony with what we sense God is doing in the life of each child, enabling the child to tap his own inner resources and grow to responsible adulthood.

The pursuit of this basic goal has led the Children's Homes to develop a variety of services, all family centered. Some families need resident care for their children and for these we have group homes and foster homes. Some families can remain together with outside help and for these we have family services in the form of counseling or financial assistance. For the unmarried girl who is pregnant, we offer maternity care. For the graduate in our care, we assist in higher education. For churches involved in day care, we provide a demonstration program and consultation service. We welcome individual inquiries regarding any of these services as the need may arise.

Our services are made available through strategically located facilities throughout North Carolina: in the East at Kinston, Pembroke, Fayetteville and Raleigh; in the Piedmont at Chapel Hill, Thomasville and Charlotte; in the West in Asheville and Waynesville.

Staff members and children of the Baptist Children's Homes are grateful for the harmonious relationship we have shared with North Carolina Baptists.

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

Mrs. Lee Frans

Our North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging celebrated their 20th anniversary in March of this year. During these two decades, the story of our Homes has been one of faith and the abundant blessings of God upon this special ministry to older people. God has brought us from one Home and one resident in 1951, to five Homes and a Nursing Care Unit, with total accommodations for 160 residents and 76 patients. In these Homes, our residents are loved, and we feel that there is no greater security that they could have and no better care that they could receive.

At least 80% of the people who live in our Baptist Homes are financially needy persons and benefit directly from the love gifts of North Carolina Baptists. They simply could not be maintained, and the Homes could not be operated without the Special Offering, designated gifts from the churches, and the Cooperative Program. We would urge our Baptist people, therefore, to remember how dependent these dear older people are on them and would challenge them to give more liberally than ever and to see that their gifts are a real life-line in the on-going of this ministry.

Of unusual interest during the past year has been the construction of the new addition to the Nursing Care Unit in Winston-Salem. It is anticipated that this new facility will be ready for occupancy by September 1st. It will make available 20 additional beds and bring the total capacity of the Nursing Care Unit to 76. This addition was made possible by the generous challenge gift of \$80,000.00 from Judge and Mrs. William York of Greensboro. The trustees accepted the challenge and raised an additional \$80,000.00.

Pray for your Baptist Homes for the Aging and remember that any ministry to an older person in the name of Christ is a direct ministry to Him.

REPORT ON THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL (prepared by the Hospital)

Your Baptist Hospital admitted 17,557 persons in 1970 for a total of 150,174 days of care. In addition, there were 51,563 visits to outpatient clinics, including 17,241 to the Emergency Room. About 90% of these were "referral" patients - that is patients who were referred to our Hospital by their local physicians because they needed the specialized medical care our Hospital is staffed and equipped to offer.

Our Hospital, from the day of its beginning, has provided good medical care for our people, including care for persons who cannot pay the cost. There has been great progress in medicine and tremendous increase in hospital costs, and these have made some policy changes necessary. The basic policy of providing care - now the highly specialized care for the more difficult cases - for those who cannot pay has not changed. This Christian ministry is at the heart of the work of our Baptist Hospital.

The financial situation of the Hospital is viewed by the administration with "cautious optimism." The operating deficit has been reduced and expenditures are being kept more nearly in line with income. The entire staff is cooperating in an effort to maintain a proper balance between sound financial policies and a spirit of Christian compassion.

The Medical Center Development Program is progressing on schedule. The new

patient Tower is expected to be ready for partial occupancy by late 1972. The 14 bed coronary care unit will open about September 1971. A statewide Development Campaign, initiated with pledges totaling \$177,182 from employees of the Medical Center, is moving toward successful completion.

Baptist Hospital offers a ministry of healing in Christ's name to all who need it. It seeks to fulfill the same purpose in North Carolina that a Baptist Hospital operated by our Foreign Mission Board seeks to fulfill in Korea or Nigeria. It ought to be supported by missionary-minded Baptists with the same enthusiasm and for the same reason we support every other phase of our denomination's World Mission Program. This is missions too.

REPORT OF THE ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Ted L. Starnes

The Ordination Committee of our association examined Ervel Jones, of Startown Church and recommended to his church that he be ordained.

REPORT OF PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

Bill L. Whitener

1972 ANNUAL SESSION

First Day: Morning & Afternoon: Highland Church

Evening Session: Longview Church

TO PREACH THE ANNUAL SESSION: Rev. Wray Barrett, Springs Road Church

ALTERNATE: Rev. B. T. Tucker, Jr., East Hickory Church

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Theron Rankin Baptist Association has enjoyed the warm hospitality of the host churches, and the inspiration of the various speakers during the sixteenth annual session, October twenty-one, 1971;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that sincere appreciation be expressed to the congregation of the Sweetwater Baptist Church and her pastor, Rev. Lewis Williams, who provided so graciously for the Association during the morning and afternoon sessions; and to the congregation of the Penelope Baptist Church and her pastor, Rev. James Rowles, for the kind hospitality during the evening session;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that gratitude be conveyed to the speakers for their inspirational, informative and challenging addresses;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that grateful acknowledgment and heart-felt gratitude be expressed to the Moderator of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association, Rev. Gerald Goodwin, and to all other officers of the Association for their untiring assistance in their efficient preparation and execution of the program.

Rev. James Millsaps, Chairman

Rev. Lewis Williams

Mrs. Robert L. Randall

Mrs. Harold Craig

Mr. John Quinn

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

(Prepared by State Division of Missions)

GENERALLY SPEAKING, State Missions in North Carolina can be divided into two major categories: (1) ministries that STRENGTHEN and (2) ministries that LENGTHEN the witness of local churches.

STRENGTHENING ministries involve the various church program organizations such as Sunday School, Church Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Music. These are pro-

grams that better enable local churches to realize their own mission potential.

State Missions ties into all of this by providing resources and personnel that assist in the development of these ministries. Workshops, seminars and conferences are conducted each year that deal directly with the strengthening of these organizations. State Missions, therefore, helps churches as they themselves become types of "Mission station" across the state.

The second type of State Missions are those ministries that LENTHEN the witness of local churches. These are cooperative efforts that "represent" the concerns of local churches; programs that require the support of many congregations. Some examples of these ministries include Urban Missions, Interracial Cooperation, Resort Ministries, Language Ministries, Chaplaincy, Fruitland Bible Institute, Seminary Extension, Ministry to the Deaf, etc. These are specialized programs that require the continued support of well-trained personnel. Many of these ministries are co-sponsored with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board who provide home missionaries, as well as other resources.

Each of these ministries, however, works closely with local churches and associations. In Resort Ministries, for example, local churches and associations often participate by providing personnel and other resources. It is not uncommon for urban weekday programs to look to churches and associations for a needed location and other resources.

Other extending ministries include Literacy Work, Migrant Missions, Mountain Missions, Week-Day Ministries and Youth and Family Services. All total, State Missions involve over 50 different ministries across North Carolina. These programs serve as a vital link in the total World Mission responsibility of North Carolina Baptists.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

F. W. Broome and Perry Abernethy

Church	Budget Goal This Year	Amount Received 10/1/70 - 9/30/71	Budget Goal 1971-72
Brookford	\$ 119.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 118.00
Calvary (H)	203.00	20.00	219.00
Calvary (N)	196.00	220.00*	217.00
Catawba	188.00	188.00*	185.00
Central	329.00	200.00	390.00
Claremont, First	92.00	80.00	97.00
Corinth	229.00	214.00	244.00
East First Street (N)	269.00	300.00*	324.00
East Hickory	447.00	408.00	472.00
Emmanuel	190.00	100.00	199.00
Fairbrook	70.00	70.00*	69.00
Fairgrove	142.00	25.00	135.00
Hickory, First	1,895.00	1,875.00	1,858.00
Highland	1,003.00	1,030.97	1,052.00
Hildebran, First	439.00	437.50	489.00
Icard	325.00	325.00*	384.00
Lakeview	292.00	250.00	310.00
Longview	262.00	234.00	244.00
Mountain Grove	348.00	250.00	360.00
Newton, First	815.00	815.00*	764.00
North Newton	446.00	482.00*	433.00
Oakland Heights	89.00	25.00	97.00
Oxford	71.00	71.00*	74.00

Penelope	949.00	883.50	1,003.00
Providence	162.00	180.00*	177.00
Sandy Ridge	436.00	436.00*	421.00
Springs Road	468.00	468.00*	457.00
Startown	164.00	164.00*	166.00
Sweetwater	136.00	50.00	128.00
Temple	372.00	360.10	375.00
Unity	157.00	-	158.00
Viewmont	1,100.00	900.00	1,185.00
Warlick's	359.00	240.00	366.00
Wayside	93.00	-	111.00
West Hickory	724.00	736.51*	740.00
Winkler's Grove	319.00	319.00*	355.00
Woodlawn	302.00	312.00*	313.00
Totals	<u>\$14,200.00</u>	<u>\$12,729.48</u>	<u>\$14,689.00</u>

(The suggested goal is the formula of \$1.00 per resident member plus 1% of total receipts, divided by two. The latest figures available were taken from the 9/30/71 Church Letters. It is hoped that the churches already giving more than the suggested amount can continue to do so.)

DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	BUDGET 1970-71	SPEC. RECTS 1970-71	EXPENSES 1970-71	BUDGET 1971-72
Sunday School	\$ 250.00	\$ 276.06	\$ 407.86	\$ 250.00
Church Training	150.00	-	24.99	150.00
Woman's Missionary Union	350.00	-	350.00	350.00
Brotherhood	100.00	-	-	100.00
Music	100.00	-	-	100.00
Printing & Postage	450.00	-	391.32	450.00
Churches entertaining annual meeting	250.00	-	150.00	250.00
BSU, Lenoir-Rhyne College	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
Scholarships (two in budget)	600.00	900.00	1,500.00	600.00
Minutes	1,064.00	25.50	1,111.06	800.00
Central Training School	1,000.00	221.45	937.17	1,200.00
Evangelism	300.00	-	15.00	300.00
Youth work	400.00	1,051.00	1,364.94	500.00
Salaries	5,200.00	-	5,200.00	5,400.00
Social Security (Association part)	250.00	-	270.00	281.00
Hospital/Life Ins. (Promotional Sec'y)	145.00	-	173.52	190.00
Car Allowance (Promotional Sec'y)	300.00	-	300.00	300.00
Convention/Ridgecrest (Prom. Sec'y)	450.00	-	450.00	450.00
Office Utilities	225.00	3.80	217.41	225.00
Office Supplies	500.00	266.78	727.04	500.00
Audio-Visual Aids	200.00	-	182.09	300.00
South Mountain Baptist Camp	350.00	-	350.00	350.00
Office Help	75.00	-	55.50	75.00
Miscellaneous	391.00	251.22	288.13	528.00
Office Equipment & Maintenance	400.00	-	343.00	200.00
Annuity (Promotional Secretary)	400.00	-	399.96	540.00
Christmas Gift (Promotional Sec'y)	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
Totals	<u>\$14,200.00</u>	<u>\$2,995.81</u>	<u>\$15,508.99</u>	<u>\$14,689.00</u>
Life Insurance (Designated)		<u>341.79</u>	<u>265.84</u>	
TOTALS	<u>\$14,200.00</u>	<u>\$3,337.60</u>	<u>\$15,774.83</u>	<u>\$14,689.00</u>

SUMMARY - October 1, 1970 - September 30, 1971

Balance on hand on October 1, 1970		\$ 1,772.37
Receipts: from the churches	\$12,729.58	
Sale of Supplies	266.78	
Sale of Books (Central Training School)	221.45	
Long distance phone call	3.80	
Sale of "Good News" Scriptures	44.20	
Life Insurance (Designated)	341.79	
Sales Tax refund (Minutes \$25.50; Misc. \$105.02)	130.52	
Youth Work	1,051.00	
Expenses - Home Missionary during Week of Prayer	102.00	
Vacation Bible School Clinic - supper	224.00	
Vacation Bible School Clinic - offering	52.06	
Scholarship fund	900.00	
Total received during this period		\$16,067.18
Total amount to be accounted for during this period		<u>\$17,839.55</u>
Less disbursements (listed above)		\$15,774.83
Balance on hand on September 30, 1971		<u>\$ 2,064.72</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Savings Certificate at 6% - 2 yr. demand		\$10,000.00
at First Savings & Loan Association		
Account at 5% - 90 day withdrawal notice	\$ 2,480.03	
Plus Interest on Savings Certificate	150.00	
Plus Dividend this year	126.35	2,756.38
at Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Association		
Account at 4 1/2% - on demand	\$ 2,277.67	
Plus Interest on Savings Certificate	450.00	
Plus Dividend this year	114.42	2,842.09
at Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Association		
Total on deposit in three accounts on 9/30/71		15,598.47

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

James E. Britt

The Trustees wish to express appreciation for all our predecessors who have served the Association in this capacity.

The Trustees received nine applications for scholarships. One applicant withdrew after deciding to go to a non Baptist College, leaving eight.

The Association provided in its budget \$600.00 for scholarships. The Trustees were able to find among friends and loyal members of the Association an additional \$900.00 which gave us \$1,500.00 to award as scholarships. Our thanks go to those who responded to our presentation of opportunities to have a part in the education of worthy Baptist college students.

Help came from Perry Abernethy, Hildebran, First, \$100.00; friends of Baptist college students at Newton, First, \$300.00; Cliff Drum, Hickory, First, \$300.00; Harold Deal, Highland, \$100.00; friends of Baptist college students, Woodlawn, \$50.00; Chester Perry, Hickory, First, \$50.00.

After careful and prayerful consideration, scholarships of \$300.00 each were a-

warded to: Mr. Charles Edward Johnson, Central Church, to Gardner-Webb College, Religious Education/Music; Miss Donna Leigh Oliver, Hildebran, First Church, to Mars Hill College, Religious Education/Music; Mrs. Wade Stamey, Highland Church, to Gardner-Webb College, Religious Education/Youth; Mr. Larry Franklin Tuggle, Emmanuel Church, to Wake Forest University, Medical Doctor; Miss Brenda Kaye Evans, Central Church, to Gardner-Webb College, Religious Education.

The Trustees believing that, in view of the increasing number of scholarship applications and the increasing cost of education, a more definite policy should be established regarding the scholarship fund, presented several options to the Executive Committee. After these were discussed, a special committee was appointed to make recommendations to this session of the Association. The special committee is comprised of Rev. Alfred Andrews, chairman, Rev. Bill Furr, Rev. James Millsaps, J. Harold Craig and the present board of Trustees.

REPORT OF SPECIAL STUDY COMMITTEE ON ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

NAME: Theron Rankin Baptist Association Foundation

PURPOSE: To provide financial assistance for the education of qualified students entering full-time Christian service.

ADMINISTRATION: The board of directors shall be composed of six members, three of whom will be the associational trustees. The Theron Rankin Association would elect rotating members at large from a slate proposed by the association nominating committee. A chairman and treasurer will be elected by the board from the members on the board.

Responsibility: The responsibility of the directors will be:

1. To distribute the available money in such proportions among the qualifying applicants for a given year as they may determine.
2. To execute the guide lines set forth here and after.

Length of service: Each member would serve three (3) years. One new trustee and one member at large would come on the board each year. It would be possible for the at large members to be re-elected without being retired from the board.

Qualifications of applicants:

1. The student must be entering full-time Christian work.
2. The student must be in acceptable academic standing with his educational institution.
3. The student must be in need of financial assistance.
4. The student must be a member or a former member of a church in the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.
5. The student must attend a Baptist educational institution.

Repayment: Repayment shall not be required of those entering full-time Baptist Church vocations providing the applicant completes a year of service for each year a loan has been made. Should a student withdraw from school or change his or her vocation, the balance of the note will become due upon demand of the Board of Directors.

Repayment of all loans to applicants pursuing secular vocations is to begin after the student graduates or withdraws from school. The amount of repayment per year is to equal the amount loaned each year.

TYPE OF GIFTS TO THE FOUNDATION:

1. SMALL GIFTS... (under \$100.00) From churches or individuals in the association will go into the current scholarship fund to meet the current scholarship needs. The directors will have the authority to place these monies where needed most.

2. CENTURY CLUB DONATIONS... Amounts of \$100.00 or more will go into the foundation's permanent fund, the principal of which is not to be disbursed. The proceeds, or income, from this foundation will be awarded in scholarships by the directors.

3. BEQUESTS... Anyone willing funds to the foundation may do so. These funds will go into the permanent account. The principal will not be disturbed, only the income.

4. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS... A person may have a permanent scholarship set up in the name of a deceased loved-one with a minimum gift of \$10,000. This principal will not be disbursed, only the income.

5. BUSINESS GIFTS... Donations from businesses interested in the welfare of the church and community will be accepted. These monies will go into the permanent fund and not be disbursed, only the income.

Special Study Committee on
Associational Scholarships
Rev. Alfred Andrews, chairman

Rev. William J. Furr
Rev. James R. Millsaps
J. Harold Craig

James E. Britt
George F. Hemphill
M.C. Turbyfill

Adopted: 10/21/71

The above report is the product of the Special Committee appointed to bring together the ministry of giving scholarships to qualified students. The decisions of this committee were reached through prayer, hours of research and unselfish desires to minister to students in a special way.

Realizing the tremendous need to educate our people of the responsibilities of this scholarship ministry, the committee suggests that each church devote the time and emphasis necessary to inform its people of the purpose, the possibilities of helpfulness, the qualifications of applicants, etc. Ways of informing members may be a mass mail out to church members and businesses in the community, an evening worship or mid-week service to proclaim the ministry of the scholarship fund, etc.

The committee wants the people of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association to experience, as they are, the excitement and the anticipation of the Theron Rankin Scholarship Foundation.

Rev. Alfred E. Andrews, chairman

1971 ANNUAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION MEETING

April 20, 1971

Catawba Baptist Church

The annual session of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association Woman's Missionary Union met Tuesday evening at Catawba Baptist Church. 21 churches in the Association were represented. The congregation joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name". The Reverend Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., host pastor, welcomed those attending and led the opening prayer.

Mrs. Rose Wolff, Association WMU Director, presided over the business session and recognized the Pastors, Church staff members and visitors present. Mrs. Ronda Russell, secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting which were ordered filed as read.

Mrs. Hampton Scronce, chairman of the nominating committee, moved that the following slate of officers be elected for the 1971-72 term: Mrs. Wolff, director; Mrs. Russell, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Lindsey Miller, Jr., Baptist Women Director; Mrs. Alfred Andrews, Baptist Young Women Director; Mrs. Larry Penley, Acteens Director; and Mrs. Linford Bowman, Mission Friends Director. These officers were elected. The office of Girls in Action Director will be filled at a later date. Mrs. Scronce led the Call to Prayer, praying especially for Missionaries with birthdays Tuesday and for the newly installed officers.

Rev. and Mrs. Troy Bennett, Missionaries to Pakistan, were introduced by Mrs. Wolff and presented a most interesting and informative witness in Pakistan. Mrs. Bennett showed and described slides of the people and their work in Pakistan. She described the dress, habits, schooling and religions of the people of Pakistan. Rev. Bennett talked about their witness in Pakistan and the reaction of the people. He answered questions from the congregation about their mission field. Rev. and Mrs.

Bennett are uncertain as to what future they will have in Pakistan but they hope to return to continue their work there.

Following the program a social hour was enjoyed with the host church entertaining.

Mrs. Ronda Russell, secretary

In Memoriam

- CALVARY (H) - Mrs. Edna Isenhour, Mr. J. Colin Robinette
CALVARY (N) - Mr. E.R. Hass
CATAWBA - Mr. W.C. Abernathy (Deacon), Mrs. Guy Brown, Mrs. Fred Huffman, Mr. R.L. Stewart, Mr. H.A. Witherspoon (Deacon)
CORINTH - Mrs. C.L. Huffman, Mr. W.L. Huffman, Mr. Ray Richey
EAST FIRST STREET (N) - Mr. John W. Drum
EMMANUEL - Miss Rose Duncan, Mr. James Beatty, Mrs. Mary Wilkinson, Mrs. Dillard Morgan
FAIRGROVE - Mr. G.R. Bustle
EAST HICKORY - Mrs. Melvin Nance, Mr. Milton Guthrie, Mrs. Milton Guthrie, Mr. William Minyard
FIRST, HICKORY - Mrs. R.A. Sherrill, Mrs. H.H. Miller, Mr. George P. Bolick, Mrs. H.P. Parker, Dr. Harry Steelman, Mr. J.M. Cox, Mr. Wallace Tallent, Sr. (Deacon), Mrs. E.J. Bean, Mrs. Paul Brock, Sr., Mrs. E.B. Templeton, Sr., Mr. J.W. Pegram, Mr. J.B. Taylor, Mrs. D.R. Bolick
WEST HICKORY - Mr. Plez Robinson, Mr. Hugh H. Abee, Mrs. Walter Frye, Mrs. J. Louis Price, Mr. Frank Coffey, Mrs. Allie Suddreth
HIGHLAND - Mr. Robert F. Bridgeman, Mr. Cletus Davis, Mr. Earl Foster, Mr. Harve E. Isenhour, Mrs. Nell B. Sigmon, Mrs. J.H. Reed, Mrs. C.O. Wilkinson, Mr. Jerry Abbott, Mr. Charlie Riley
HILDEBRAN, FIRST - Mr. M.A. Lockee (Deacon), Mr. Ellis Fulbright, Mr. Sidney Huffman
ICARD - Miss Mary Carswell, Mrs. Lillie Bollinger, Mr. Walter Rockett, Mr. Ed Swann (Deacon)
LAKEVIEW - Mrs. Eula Danner
LONGVIEW - Mrs. Otis Cook
MOUNTAIN GROVE - Mr. Frank Link (Deacon), Miss Sula Abernethy
FIRST, NEWTON - Mrs. Alvin A. Walker, Mr. Oscar Link, Mr. Benny Wilson, Mr. Guy Harrill, Mrs. Roy Pennell
NORTH NEWTON - Mr. Clyde Cooke, Mrs. Crawford Lutz, Mr. Gene Powers, Mr. Ray Vone Setzer
OAKLAND HEIGHTS - Mrs. James Sain, Miss Judy Sain
OXFORD - Mr. Fred Jamison
PENELOPE - Mrs. E.W. Fincannon Mrs. L.J. Stamey, Mrs. Fred Propst
STARTOWN - Mrs. Mary Wilson
TEMPLE - Mrs. E.L. Bolch, Mrs. Nelson Gray, Mr. Charles Ollis
UNITY - Mr. Ray Andrews, Mr. Charlie Cook, Mr. Bobby Moore
VIEWMONT - Mrs. Carl Suggs, Mrs. L.L. Beddingfield, Mrs. Carol Benfield, Mr. Clarence Brown, Mr. Hoover Rhyne, Mr. Robert Allison
WARLICK'S - Mrs. Hattie Ervin
WAYSIDE - Mr. Hampton Stilwell, Mr. Julius Cook, Sr. (Deacon)
WOODLAWN - Mr. Theodore Lingerfelt

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of the association are contained in Statistical Table A.

FULL TIME ASSISTANT PASTORS, EDUCATIONAL, MUSIC DIRECTORS, ORGANISTS, SECRETARIES

Name	Address	Church	Work
Andrews, Rev. Alfred	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Ass't Pastor/Youth
Berry, Mrs. Robert	3310 Main Ave., NW, Hickory	Penelope	Church Secretary
Brown, Charles R.	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Music
Byler, Rev. David O.	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Music
Craig, J. Harold	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Music & Education
Crawford, Miss Linda	316 W. 21 St., Newton	North Newton	Music/Ed. /Youth
Drum, Mrs. Mack	First Baptist Church, Newton	Newton, First	Church Secretary
Ellis, Miss Janie	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Church Secretary
Greenhill, Mrs. Leonard	P.O. Box 317, Hildebran	Hildebran, First	Church Secretary
Hall, Mrs. Carroll	354 1st Ave., NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Church Secretary
Headrick, Mrs. Paul	316 W. 21 St., Newton	North Newton	Church Secretary
Hill, Jesse G., Jr.	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Education/Youth
Johnson, Eddie (student)	3016 10 Ave. SW, Hickory	Springs Road	Music/Youth
Lail, Mrs. Ronald	40 12th St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Church Secretary
O'Brien, Mrs. Earl	Rt. 2, Box 577-D, Hickory	Springs Road	Church Secretary
Robbins, Mrs. Larna	828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Church Secretary
Smith, Mrs. Clyde F.	354 First Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Financial Secretary
Stamey, Mrs. Wade (student)	828 9 Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Education
Stewart, Mrs. Mary	Rt. 3, Hickory	Lakeview	Church Secretary
Suggs, Jullian S., III	828 9 Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Music/Youth
Withers, Mrs. Lewis	1246 2nd St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Financial Secretary

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF THE THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

Church	Name	Address
Providence	Lt. Col. Alfred J. Abernethy (Ch.),	1809 Dena Dr., San Angelo, Texas 76907
Hickory, First	Alfred E. Andrews Jr. (AP),	1577 10 St. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601
Penelope	Wade Bryant (I),	Box 761, Hickory 28601
Hickory, First	David O. Byler (MM),	616 N. Center St., Hickory 28601
Wayside	J.D. Compton (R),	1934 11 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601
Penelope	William Cothorn (I),	Box 1292, Hickory 28601
Warlick's	Zeno Crump (I),	Route 7, Hickory 28601
Highland	H.M. Denton (Ch.),	Rt. 6, Box 17, Hickory 28601
Hickory, First	Fred Hicks (E),	Box 279, Granite Falls 28630
Fairbrook	Ervel Jones (PI),	Rt. 3, Box 354-D, Newton 28658
Highland	William E. Melvin (I),	Route 1, Conover 28613
Unity	Oliver Minton (E),	Rt. 1, Granite Falls 28630
Mountain Grove	Dr. Larry Penley (I),	Rt. 1, Box 233, Hickory 28601
Hickory, First	John Pollack, (I),	438 7 Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601
West Hickory	J. Louis Price (R),	2820 1st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601
North Newton	Joe C. Rhodes (I),	Rt. 2, Box 488-B, Newton 28658
Sandy Ridge	Earnest C. Robinson (I),	Rt. 6, Box 780, Hickory 28601
Hickory, First	Samuel E. Sims (E),	609 5 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601
Highland	E.B. Smith, Jr. (I),	Rt. 6, Box 400, Hickory 28601

Icard	J. Max Smith (I), Box 96, Hildebran 28637
Highland	Julian S. Suggs, III (MM); 878 8 St. NE, Hickory 28601
Emmanuel	Jerry Teague (I), Rt. 1, Box 446-C, Conover 28613
Newton, First	Alvin A. Walker (R), Box 876, Newton 28658

LICENSED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES

Church	Name	Address
Viewmont	Timothy T. Brendle, Rt. 6, Box 137-A, Hickory 28601	
Wayside	Bobby Buchanan, 309 26 St. SW, Hickory 28601	
Winkler's Grove	Eugene Cook, Rt. 7, Box 286, Hickory 28601	
Wayside	Harry Curtis, Box 27, Rhodhiss 28667	
Startown	Richard Fisher, Rt. 3, Newton 28658	
Emmanuel	Gregory Grant, Rt. 3, Box 514-D, Newton	
East 1st Street	Ted C. Mace, 220 Substation St., Hendersonville 28739	
East 1st Street	Dan J. Spears, Rt. 2, Box 365, Fletcher 28732	
East 1st Street	James H. Steele, 608 Shady Dr., Hendersonville 28739	
Calvary (N)	Ray Summers, 1026 S. College Ave., Newton 28658	
East 1st Street	Clifford C. Williams, Rt. 2, Box 365, Fletcher 28732	

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

Church	Name	Address
Startown	Ervel Jones, Rt. 3, Box 354-D, Newton 28658	
Newton, First	Stephen H. Kirby, Tara Apt. 17, 209 Ramblewood Dr., Raleigh	

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

Church	Name	Address
Providence	Donald Teague, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 136, Newton 28658	

MISSIONS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

None

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

Sponsoring Church	Mission	Address
Woodlawn	Catawba Valley Rest Home, Conover 28613	

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Church	Name	Address
Calvary (H)	Miss Cathy Huffman, 719 19 St. SW, Hickory	
Calvary (N)	Miss Martha Kline, Dogwood Hills, Newton	
Central	Mrs. Carolyn Vaughan, Rt. 2, Box 600, Connelly Springs	
Corinth	Mrs. C.F. Rudisill, Route 1, Hickory	
East First Street (N)	Mrs. Wilburn Hooks, Rt. 2, Box 138-D, Newton	
East Hickory	Miss Amy Self, 1606 E Ave. SE, Hickory	
Hickory, First	Mrs. Spurgeon Young, 196 23 St. NW, Hickory	
West Hickory	Mrs. Joe Brown, 145 34 St. NW, Hickory	
Highland	Mrs. A.C. Ogren, 829 Main Ave. NE, Hickory	
Hildebran, First	Mrs. Joyce Brittain, Box 432, Hildebran	
Icard	Miss Sheila Berry, Box 142, Icard	
Lakeview	Mrs. Martha Reeves, Rt. 6, Hickory	

Mountain Grove	Mrs. Glenn Herman, Rt. 7, Box 777, Hickory
Newton, First	James E. Britt, 220 Pinehurst Lane, Newton
Oakland Heights	Mrs. Louise Penley, 471 Highland Ave., Hickory
Penelope	Mrs. Claude Horton, Rt. 2, Box 844, Connelly Springs
Providence	Miss Janice Rudisill, Rt. 1, Box 433, Hickory
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Samuel Jones, Rt. 6, Hickory
Startown	Mrs. Margie Saunders, Rt. 1, Box 54-A, Newton
Temple	Miss Janet Brackett, Rt. 3, Hickory
Viewmont	Mrs. Lewis Withers, Rt. 6, Box 700, Hickory
Warlicks	Mrs. Hubert Johnson, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs
Winklers Grove	Mrs. Darlene Winkler, 718 10 St. NW, Hickory
Woodlawn	Mrs. Bob Mize, 610 2 Ave. Pl. NE, Conover

ORGANISTS

Church	Name	Address
Brookford	Mrs. Susan Perkins, 1691 S. Center St., Hickory	
Calvary (H).....	Mrs. John D. Marr, Rt. 7, Hickory	
Calvary (N)	Mrs. Doris Hurley, 214 W. 18 St., Newton	
Catawba	Mrs. Glen A. Ramsey, Box 302, Catawba	
Central	Miss Martha Eggers, Box 175, Hildebran	
Claremont, First	Mr. Charlie Wike, Rt. 1, Catawba	
Corinth	Mrs. Harold Whitener, 1108 12 St. Dr. SW, Hickory	
East 1st St. (N)	Mrs. Vernon Lyda, 242 N. Davis Ave., Newton	
Emmanuel	Miss Teresa Morgan, Rt. 1, Box 342-D, Newton	
Fairbrook	Mrs. George Taylor, Rt. 3, Newton	
Fairgrove	Miss Ada Smith, Rt. 6, Hickory	
Hickory, East	Mrs. Gail Suddreth, 627 25 St. NW, Hickory	
Hickory, First	Mrs. Robert Deal, 616 3 Ave. NW, Hickory	
Hickory, West	Mrs. Dean Woods, 626 7 Ave. Pl. SE, Hickory	
Highland	Miss Eucella Hamilton, Box 186, Hickory	
Hildebran, First	Mrs. Eugene Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 780, Connelly Springs	
Icard	Mrs. Jim Jacumin, Box A, Icard	
Lakeview	Mrs. Thelma Barnes, 441 28 Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory	
Longview	Mrs. Wayne Hewton, 32 St. Pl. SW, Hickory	
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Charles Lee Huffman, Rt. 7, Box 772, Hickory	
Newton, First	Mrs. Charles Craig, 712 7 Ave. SW, Conover	
North Newton	Miss Susan Keener, 2017 N. College Ave., Newton	
Oakland Heights	Mrs. Mildred Lackey, 936 12 St. NE, Hickory	
Oxford	Mrs. Margaret Starnes, Rt. 1, Claremont	
Penelope	Mrs. Mayo Weaver, Box 1566, Hickory	
Providence	Mrs. Kathleen Brittain, Rt. 4, Box 396, Hickory	
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Gary Spencer, 1517 17 Ave. NE, Hickory	
Springs Road	Mrs. Eugenia Gragg, Rt. 10, Box 70, Charlotte	
Startown	Mrs. Delores Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 47, Newton	
Sweetwater	Mrs. Wanda Buchanan, Hickory	
Temple	Mrs. Gene Swanson, Rt. 3, Hickory	
Unity	Mary Jo Minton, 2005 8 Ave. NW, Hickory	
Viewmont	Mrs. Roger Jordan, 167 33 St. NW, Hickory	
Warlicks	Miss Valerie Hendrix, Rt. 1, Valdese	
Wayside	Mrs. Sandra Harsch, 2519 4 Ave. SW, Hickory	
Winklers Grove	Mr. Eric Hopkins, Rt. 7, Box 57, Hickory	
Woodlawn	Mrs. David L. Stewart, 413 2 Ave. Pl. NE, Conover	

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

Church	Name	Address
East 1st St. (N)	Thad Crump,	2107 N. Stewart Ave., Newton
Hickory, East	Alvin Ward,	2233 9 Ave., NE. Hickory
North Newton	W.W. Austin,	303 W. 21 St., Newton
Penelope	Louie Baker,	Box 1304, Hickory
Viewmont	Ralph Mauldin,	1213 10 St. Lane, NW, Hickory
Winklers Grove	Mrs. W.R. Summerlin,	2842 1 Ave. NW, Hickory

DIRECTORS OF RECREATION

Church	Name	Address
Catawba	Guy Ervin,	Rt. 1, Box 236, Catawba
Central (H)	Mrs. Betty Honeycutt,	Box 377, Hildebran
East 1st St. (N)	Charles Taylor,	1506 N. Frye Ave., Newton
Hickory, East	Fred Stewart,	1218 13 Ave. NE, Hickory
Hickory, West	Jack C. Williams,	1439 26 St. SW, Hickory
Highland	Perry Teague,	859 Highland Ave. NE, Hickory
Mountain Grove	Jerry Copas,	Rt. 1, Box 163, Hickory
Penelope	Mr. & Mrs. Don Smith,	Rt. 7, Box 81, Hickory
Springs Road	Eddie Johnson,	3016 10 Ave., Hickory
Viewmont	Howard Pruitt,	Rt. 2, Box 668, Hickory
Winklers Grove	Grady Stephens,	Rt. 7, Box 113, Hickory

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First Hildebran, First	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	V.C. Martin
1957	West Hickory; Mtn. Grove	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	O. Jack Murphy
1958	Viewmont; Providence	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	James Helvey, Jr.
1959	Catawba; Hickory, First	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	B.R. Holbrook
1960	East Hickory; Viewmont	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	Albert A. Young
1961	Penelope	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Matt L. Hastings
1962	Warlick's	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Jack L. Falls
1963	Newton, First; Highland	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	Frank H. Thomas
1964	Hickory, First; Corinth	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	J. Roy Robinson
1965	Hildebran, First; Central	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	James R. Rowles, Jr.
1966	Viewmont; Providence	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	Harold A. Savell
1967	Icard; North Newton	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	Wayne V. Riddle
1968	Catawba; West Hickory	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	L. Vernon Connell
1969	Springs Road; Winkler's Grove	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Roy Beals
1970	East Hickory; Lakeview	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Ted L. Starnes
1971	Sweetwater; Penelope	Gerald C. Goodwin	Miss Helen Cater	Harvey Laughter

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SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES																																
CHURCHES																																
Brookford	Mrs. H. F. Wallace, Rt. 1, Box 657, Hickory 28601												44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	Total V.B.S. enrollment		
Calvary (H)	John R. Asherbranner, 1765 13 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601												14	20	20	24	38	17			4		120	65					62		Church V.B.S. enrollment	
Calvary (N)	Harold Scronce, Rt. 1, Newton 28658												17	33	30	34	28	46			5		164	99					120	Mission V.B.S. enrollment		
Catawba	John H. Stewart, Rt. 1, Catawba 28609												13	37	42	30	14				7		189	110					75			
Central (H)	Ray Hammett, Rt. 7, Box 155, Hickory 28601												9	23	16	8	43	15		11		129	73					50				
Claremont, First	Basil C. Boggs, Rt. 2, Box 27B, Newton 28658												39	63	40	39	78	15			6		280	167					154			
Corinth	Jack Petty, Rt. 1, Hickory 28601												4	37	13	12	24				3		93	59			30		52			
East 1st St. (N)	Wilburn Hooks, Rt. 2, Box 138D, Newton 28658												20	37	40	41	61				5		204	115					113			
Emmanuel (N)	Forrest Shook, 428 E. K St., Newton 28658												32	55	45	34	34	16			4		220	192			130		255			
Fairbrook	Horace Lail, 1203 8 Ave. SE, Hickory 28601												39	66	38	27	69			7		246	180					211				
Faigrove	Joe B. Queen, Rt. 2, Box 862, Hickory 28601												15	21	9	26	16			3		90	50					75				
Hickory, East	Ray Granger, Rt. 2, Box 305, Hickory 28601												9	36	31	12	25				3		116	52	1	6			72			
Hickory, First	Ralph Deal, 1047 19 St. SE, Hickory 28601												41	73	57	68	46	140			11		436	189			150					
Hickory, West	Tom Maxwell, Sr., Box 2364, Hickory 28601												110	135	172	89	307	112	18	34	21		998	529			62		263	40		
Highland (H)	Harold Lail, 153 36 St. NW, Hickory 28601												74	127	110	75	235	66			5		692	341			110		110			
Hildebran, First	Joe B. Queen, Rt. 2, Box 862, Hickory 28601												124	193	147	96	210	86	22	13	7		898	465			31		326	130		
Icard	Ray Childers, Box 94, Hildebran 28637												48	79	45	50	70	33	4	15	5		349	211					125			
Lakeview	J. Max Smith, Box 96, Hildebran 28637												39	55	46	35	66	21	2	8	4		276	166			30		104			
Longview (H)	Bill Sigmon, 499 21 Ave. Pl., NW, Hickory 28601												37	35	97	17	163				4		353	130			18		108			
Mountain Grove	Roy Buchanan, 1316 21 St. SW, Hickory 28601												29	49	40	17	57	19			4		215	130					119			
Newton, First	Randle Whitener, Rt. 7, Box 594, Hickory 28601												46	75	47	21	112	23	10		6		340	211					157			
Newton, North	Clyde McGee, 403 N. Spring Ave., Newton 28658												77	110	93	36	145	80	10	17	7		575	299			30		149			
Oakland Heights (H)	Kenneth Spencer, Rt. 2, Newton 28658												67	94	71	75	70	29	21	10	5		442	194			47		173			
Oxford	Bill Hefner, 105 29 Ave., NE, Hickory 28601												10	17	19	19	13		5		3		86	50					95			
Penelope (H)	Ray Hefner, Rt. 1, Box 287, Conover 28601												14	5	24	20	14	20			3		100	85			30		75			
Providence	James Gorsuch, Rt. 2, Box 640, Connelly Spgs. 28612												107	158	137	88	230	57	34	20	7		838	430					201			
Sandy Ridge	Fitzhugh F. Young, Jr., Rt. 3, Box 284A, Vale 28168												19	15	10	20	20	30		9	19		142	85					78			
Springs Road	Roy D. Killian, 1508 16 St. NE, Hickory 28601												55	60	43	22	75	10			5		270	184			202		202			
Startown	Ed Roupe, Rt. 6, Box 449, Hickory 28601												53	88	85	34	114	18			3		395	230					156			
Sweetwater	Richard Fisher, Rt. 3, Newton 28658												8	24	23	32	46	9	6		4		152	92			76		76			
Temple (H)	Vernon Roberts, Rt. 3, Hickory 18601												13	16	18	13	36	3			2		101	65					62			
Unity (H)	Gene Swanson, Rt. 3, Box 33, Hickory 28601												39	66	73	50	134	30			5		397	158					90			
Viewmont (H)	Gary Minton, 2005 8 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601												3	24	28	10	28				2		95	75					87			
Warlicks	Don McAlpin, 40 29 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601												112	161	143	63	228	46	47	23	9		832	404		23			231			
Wayside	Robert Ennis, Box 99, Icard 28666												36	47	34	35	82	25		14	6		279	177			25		100			
Winklers Grove	George Brown, Jr., 1060 16 St. SE, Hickory 28601												14	15	17	16	20				3		85	60			30		78			
Woodlawn (C)	Alan Willis, 131 34 St. NW, Hickory 28601												22	79	40	30	105	31	6	31	4		348	195					172			
	W. E. Burton, Jr., Box 743, Conover 28613												36	47	44	34	93				4		289	179			60		60			
TOTALS													1444	2275	1987	1353	3149	997	185	205	209	31	11834	6496	1	6	168	30	367	4786	170	4956

TABLE C CHURCH TRAINING										1971						
Association THERON RANKIN																
State NORTH CAROLINA																
Associational Church Training Director GARY WHITENER																
Address Route 4, Box 354												Zip North Carolina 28601				
CHURCHES		TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES														
Brookford	Mrs. Neal Stepp, 1691 S. Center St., Hickory, 28601	8	8	10	10	10	5		63	28						
Calvary (H)	Tommy Crump, 2515 15 Ave., SW., Hickory, 28601	6	6	13	8	11	4		51	43						
Calvary (N)	None															
Catawba	None															
Central (H)	Jimmie Stephens, 3016 10 Ave. SW., Hickory, 28601	7	26	13	9	28	3		89	44			7		7	
Claremont, First	Brant Poole, Bx. 56, Conover, 28601	3	4	5	6	21			41	26						
Corinth	Mrs. O. N. Whisnant, Rt. 1, Hickory, 28601	4	11	13	8	15			54	44						
East 1st St. (N)	Virgil T. Bolick, 217 N. Davis Ave., Newton, 28658	29	35	30	24	22	11		155	121			30			
Emmanuel (N)	Bill Lane, 1639 C Ave., SE., Hickory, 28601		20	15	25	16			78	45						
Fairbrook	Michael Poteat, 312 9 St., SW., Hickory, 28601	7	10	9	10	10			48	21						
Fairgrove	None															
Hickory, East	Leroy Roberts, 1410 23 Ave. NE., Hickory, 28601	12	23	22	26	13			113	69						
Hickory, 1st	Bill L. Whitener, 1257 9 St., NW., Hickory, 28601	24	46	45	25	18			162	123			16			
Hickory, West	Elvin E. Cook, Rt. 4, Bx. 936C, Hickory, 28601		32	43	2	46	1		126	45						
Highland (H)	Wade Stamey, 1419 22 St., SW., Hickory, 28601	9	15	50		26			104	72						
Hildebran, 1st	Johnny Childers, Bx. 467, Hildebran, 28637	21	25	19	19	35	8		132	61			12		12	
Icard	Vernon Daugherty, Bx. 33, Icard, 28666	18	21	22		25			89	57			3		3	
Lakeview	None												21		21	
Longview (H)	Charles Buchanan, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs, 28612	9	26	22	22	14			114	44			30		30	
Mountain Grove	Mrs. H. J. Whitener, Rt. 1 Bx. 200, Hickory, 28601	15	27	9	12	23			89	61			75		75	
Newton, 1st	Jim E. Wilson, 2034 N. Deal Ave., Newton, 28658	7	26	33		46			119	53						
Newton, North	Norman Hursey, Rt. 2, Claremont, 28610	9	22	19	19	11	2		84	42			42		41	
Oakland Hts. (H)	Jerry E. Bolick, 320 4 St., SE., Hickory, 28601	6	6	6	15	30			35	30						
Oxford	Alvin Arrowood, Rt. 2, Hickory, 28601	9	10	15	15	20			69	45						
Penelope (H)	Alan Cole, Rt. 2, Bx. 35C, Connelly Springs, 28612	13	49	54	28	15	16		180	64						
Providence	David Whitener, Rt. 4, Bx. 353, Hickory, 28601	7	8	4	14	16			57	39						
Sandy Ridge	Eugene Bryant, 327 18 St., Pl., SW., Hickory, 28601	11	25	38	9	24	10		121	61						
Springs Rd.	Charles J. Wagner, Rt. 2, Bx. 568, Hickory, 28601	18	36	32	9	51			150	78						
Startown	Jerry Warren, Rt. 1, Bx. 25, Maiden, 28650	5	16	10		25			59	33						
Sweetwater	Steve Blakely, Rt. 3, Bx. 368, Hickory, 28601	8	14	24		21			68	45						
Temple (H)	Mrs. Smoot Baker, 813 8 St., Dr., SE., Hickory, 28601	15	22	36	18	18	2		115	62					55	
Unity (H)	None															
Viewmont (H)	Kenny Joe Crump, 327 15 St., NW., Hickory, 28601	12	17	40	13	39			126	76			20		20	
Warlicks	Zeno Crump, Rt. 7, Bx. 387, Hickory, 28601	1	12	5	9	15			45	22						
Wayside	None															
Winklers Grove	Mrs. Maudie Massagee, Rt. 7, Bx. 80, Hickory, 28601	15	25	12		26			83	63						
Woodlawn (C)	W. R. Easterling, 908 13 St., NW., Conover, 28613	11	16	10		20			60	38						
	TOTALS	319	639	678	355	680	98	110	2879	1655	183	158	132	102	70	60

(H) Hickory, (N) Newton, (C) Conover

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC										1971				
Association														
THERON RANKIN														
NORTH CAROLINA														
Associational Music Director														
JULIAN SUGGS, III														
Address														
828 9th Ave. NE														
City														
Hickory														
State														
North Carolina														
Zip														
28601														
MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES														
Brookford	Miss Muriel Simpson, 2391 S. Center St., Hickory 28601													
Calvary (H)	John D. Marr, Rt. 7, Hickory 28601													
Calvary (H)	Ann Holsclaw, 1516 N. Deal Ave., Newton 28658	3	9	15	25									
Catawba	None	6		12	12									
Central (H)	Miss Nancy Hildebran, Box 128, Hildebran 28637		12	20	18	4								
Claremont, First	None													
Corinth	Harold Whitener, 1108 12 St. Dr. SW, Hickory 28601			9	10									
East 1st St. (N)	Marvin Lee, Rt. 3, Box 382, Newton 28658			16	20									
Emmanuel (N)	Dillard Morgan, Rt. 1, Box 342D, Newton 28658		25	30	40									
Fairbrook	Ervel Jones, Rt. 3, Box 354D, Newton 28658		15	5	15									
Fairgrove	Kenneth Hass, Rt. 2, Box 569KH, Hickory 28601		12	4	6									
Hickory, East	Mrs. Lindsey Miller, 57 13 St. SE, Hickory 28601	10	13	20	12									
Hickory, First	David O. Byler, 616 N. Center St., Hickory 28601	16	95	65	100									
Hickory, West	Jack Williams, 1439 26 St. SW, Hickory 28601			11	23									
Highland (H)	Julian Suggs III, 878 8 St. NE, Hickory 28601	45	75	55	90									
Hildebran, First	Larry Abernethy, Rt. 4, Box 832, Hickory 28601		18	8	28									
Icard	J. Max Smith, Box 96, Hildebran 28637	8	13	14	25									
Lakeview	Louis Robinson, 533 18 St. NW, Hickory 28601		11	15	14									
Longview (H)	Alan Good, Box 4005 Longview Sta., Hickory 28601				28									
Mountain Grove	Clarence Roberts, Box 893, Hickory 28601			15	28									
Newton, First	Charles Craig, 712 7 Ave. SW, Conover 28613	7	49	24	46									
Newton, North	Miss Linda Crawford, 316 W. 21 St., Newton 28658	6	8	14	24									
Oakland Heights (H)	Bob Weaver, 620 10 St. Blvd, NW Hickory 28601	2	6	12	20									
Oxford	Mrs. Helen Curtis, Rt. 1, Box 304, Conover 28613			15	17									
Penelope (H)	J. Harold Craig, Box 4065 Longview Sta., Hickory 28601	12	60	32	28									
Providence	Buddy Whitener, Rt. 7, Box 687, Hickory 28601		6	7	18									
Sandy Ridge	O. Ray Hurley, 1012 2 St. SE, Conover 28613			6	16									
Springs Road	Eddie Johnson, 3016 10 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601		6	35	20									
Startown	Dillon Cannon, Rt. 1, Box 21-C, Hickory 28601				17									
Sweetwater	Mrs. Frances Clontz, Rt. 3, Box 445, Hickory 28601		6	8	12									
Temple (H)	Mrs. Smoot Baker, 813 8 St. Dr. SE, Hickory 28601				18									
Unity (H)	Flay Hollar, Rt. 7, Box 186, Hickory 28601		10	24	35									
Viewmont (H)	Charles R. Brown, Rt. 6, Box 84, Hickory 28601	20	55	35	45									
Warlicks	Mrs. Vera Knox, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612			20	22									
Wayside	Mrs. Ray Woody, 1014 16 St. SE, Hickory 28601													
Winklers Grove	Willard D. Cline, Rt. 7, Box 89, Hickory 28601			15	60									
Woodlawn (C)	Carl E. Pickel, Box 442, Conover 28613				18									
TOTALS		135	524	554	933		162							
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(To be elected)																			
Address																			
City																			
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Zip																			
BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES																			
CHURCHES																			
Brookford	None																		
Calvary (H)	None																		
Calvary (N)	B. L. Holsclaw, 1516 N. Deal Ave., Newton, 28658																		
Catawba	None																		
Central (H)	Calvin McNeely, Bx. 196, Hildebran, 28637																		
Claremont, 1st	William L. Allred, Bx. 381 Claremont, 28610																		
Corinth	None																		
East 1st St. (N)	Clarence Wilson, Rt. 3, Bx. 365, Newton, 28658																		
Emmanuel (N)	Roger Grant, Rt. 1, Bx. B7, Conover, 28613																		
Fairbrook	Lester Mull, Rt. 3, Hickory, 28601																		
Fairgrove	None																		
Hickory, East	Michael Coffey, Rt. 3, Bx. 688A, Hickory, 28601																		
Hickory, 1st	Paul Powers, Jr., 1086 29 Ave. Dr. NW., Hickory, 28601																		
Hickory West	None																		
Highland (H)	None																		
Hildebran, 1st	B. J. Abernethy, Bx. 195, Hildebran, 28637																		
Icard	John Deal, Bx. 124, Icard, 28666																		
Lakeview	None																		
Longview (H)	Jim Hutto, Granite Falls, 28630																		
Mountain Grove	William Varnadore, Rt. 7, Bx. 790, Hickory, 28601																		
Newton, 1st	Ralph H. Kirby, Bx. 507, Newton, 28658																		
Newton, North	Harley Drum, 2018 N. Drum Ave., Newton 28658																		
Oakland Heights (H)	None																		
Oxford	None																		
Penelope (H)	Paul Bollinger, Rt. 2, Bx. 684, Connelly Spgs., 28612																		
Providence	None																		
Sandy Ridge	None																		
Springs Road	Joe Watkins, 1732 29 St., NE., Hickory, 28601																		
Startown	Brown Buchanan, Rt. 1, Bx. 66E, Newton, 28658																		
Sweetwater	Jack Lingerfelt, 230 21 St., SE., Hickory, 28601																		
Temple (H)	Leon Griffin, Bx. 1471, Hickory, 28601																		
Unity (H)	Paul Black, Bx. 192, Hildebran, 18637																		
Viewmont (H)	None																		
Warlicks	Andrew Hastings, 1840 4 Ave. NW., Hickory, 28601																		
Wayside	None																		
Winklers Grove	Eugene Cook, Rt. 7, Hickory, 28601																		
Woodlawn (C)	David W. Abernathy, Rt. 2, Bx. 490, Newton, 28658																		
TOTALS												378	270	26	489	16	68		1247

TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES														1971													
Association THERON RANKIN																											
State NORTH CAROLINA																											
Promotional Secretary MISS HELEN CATER																											
Address 354 First Avenue, NW														Zip 28601													
City Hickory														State North Carolina													
CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES																											
CHURCHES																											
	Money paid out on new construction during the year													Church Sponsored Missions													
	All other church sponsored mission expenditures													Cooperative Missions													
	Total church sponsored mission expenditures													Grand Total													
Brookford Calvary (H)	Miss Jane Wilson, 1743 S. Center St., Hickory, 28601													9525	60	Designated: State Missions	Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong Easter offering)	Designated: SBC For. Missions-Lottie Moon Christmas offering	Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	Designated: Hospitals	Designated: Homes for the aged	Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temp. League, etc.)	Total Cooperative mission expenditures	Mission expenditures		
Calvary (N)	Mrs. Linda Farr, Rt. 4, Bx. 227, Hickory, 28601													2368	240	101	402							1908	18008	18008	
Catawba	Miss Edna Danner, Bx. 443, Catawba, 28609													1817	259	105	126	334	129	524	83	86	259	3722	3566	3566	
Central (H)	Mrs. Ruby Johnson, Gen. Del., Hildebran, 28637													2907	250	26	803	1888	180	44	104	30	149	6381	6381	6381	
Claremont, 1st	Mrs. H. T. Little, Bx. 193, Claremont, 28610													195	80	50	41	67	37	29	25	29	80	633	633	633	
Corinth	Mrs. Tommy Poovey, Rt. 3, Bx. 242, Vale, 28168													1538	214	318	316	1389		200	144	137	202	4458	4458		
East 1st St. (N)	Gene Hass, Bx. 384, Newton, 28658													4170	300	528	205	600	616	150	200	100	3940	10809	10809		
Emmanuel (N)	Mrs. Roger Ham, Hwy. 16, Newton, 28658														100	25	25	1380		25	25	25		1605	1605	1605	
Fairbrook	Mrs. Evelyn Phillips, 312 9 St., SW., Hickory, 28601													175	15	26	15	125		21	22	21	21	405	405	405	
Fairgrove	Mrs. Ben H. Roberts, Rt. 2, Bx. 147, Conover, 28613													60	25	25		82		55	42		15	304	304	304	
Hickory, East	Mrs. Charles Neal, 929 13 St., SE., Hickory, 28601													4200	408	119	281	720		68	1084	520	34	7434	7434	7434	
Hickory, 1st	Mrs. Clyde F. Smith, Rt. 2, Bx. 679, Hickory, 28601													51364	1914	1539	1334	7386	612	1517	908	1579	4173	72326	72326	72326	
Hickory, West	Mrs. Ronald Lail, Rt. 1, Bx. 105B, Conover, 28613													15097	739	271	925	1839		21	294		106	19292	19292	19292	
Highland (H)	V. H. White, Bx. 355, Hickory, 28601													18647	1031	276	558	2580	34	525	350	50	2605	26656	26656	26656	
Hildebran, 1st	Mrs. Leonard Greenhill, Bx. 94, Hildebran, 28637													3995	438	110	195	3008	58	311	144	110	838	9207	9207	9207	
Icard	Allen Stafford, Bx. 84, Icard, 28666													3802	325	115	684	2021	2	153	140	50	1295	8587	8587	8587	
Lakeview	Mrs. Anne F. West, 2129 6 St., NE., Hickory, 28601													6946	250	18	191	1506	20	117	145	75	273	9541	9541	9541	
Longview (H)	Mrs. Selma Ledford, 12 23 St., NW., Hickory, 28601													1500	234	69	81	160			155	238	238	2437	2437	2437	
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Jim Leatherman, Rt. 7, Bx. 597, Hickory, 28601													1800	250	212	214	742	71	254	199	75	178	3995	3995	3995	
Newton, 1st	Mrs. James Leatherman, 706 Westside Dr., Newton, 28658													8500	815	600	1342	3365			189		665	15476	15476	15476	
Newton, North	Mrs. Marcell Whisnant, 511 E. 21 St., Newton, 28658													4334	482	107	145	502	13	150	172	79	506	6490	6490	6490	
Oakland Hts. (H)	Mrs. Kay Bolick, 320 4 St., SE., Hickory, 28601													50	25		24	35				10		144	144	144	
Oxford	Mrs. Kenneth McCray, Rt. 1, Claremont, 28610													689	71	66	32	40	20	35	37	20	75	1085	1085	1085	
Penelope (H)	Cecil Sigmon, 318 33 St., SW., Hickory, 28601													13625	870	130	679	4105		803	389		381	20982	20982	20982	
Providence	Mrs. Harold V. Huffman, Rt. 1, Bx. 433, Hickory, 28601													500	180	150	339	450	50	150	100	100	707	2726	2726	2726	
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Larry Teague, Rt. 6, Bx. 945, Hickory, 28601													1000	436	410	300	1000	406	549	896	300		5297	5297	5297	
Spring Road	Roy Lafone, Rt. 2, Bx. 350A, Hickory, 28601													5558	468	53	113	508	10	63		30	90	6893	6893	6893	
Startown	Mrs. Eugene Ledford, Rt. 1, Bx. 366A, Newton, 28658													1200	164	71	75	123		25				1658	1658	1658	
Sweetwater	Miss Giner Bruner, 2012 N. Frye Ave., Newton, 28658													919	50	10	68	141		16	42	6		1252	1252	1252	
Temple (H)	Mrs. Lewis Bumgarner, Bx. 1255, Hickory, 28601													4500	390	50	132	545		85	87	35		5824	5824	5824	
Unity (H)	Mary Ida Evans, Rt. 1, Bx. 39C, Hickory, 28601																						150	150	150	150	
Viewmont (H)	Miss Janie Ellis, Viewmont Apt. 11D, Hickory, 28601													13886	900	368	516	3606		476	406	107	1180	21445	21445	21445	
Warlicks	Mrs. M. L. Hastings, Rt. 2, Bx. 520, Connelly Springs, 28612													2451	240	9	35	121			29	17	92	2994	2994	2994	
Wayside	Mrs. Edith Cook, Rt. 4, Bx. 945, Hickory, 28601															100	150	2150	85		231	100	70	70	70	70	70
Winklers Grove	Grady Burgess, Rt. 6, Bx. 178, Hickory, 28601													300	319	100	150	2150					485	3920	3920	3920	
Woodlawn (C)	W. E. Burton, Jr., Bx. 743, Conover, 28613													19	19	148	332	850	8	192	61		29	5249	5249	5249	
TOTALS														190935	12859	6104	10377	43770	2351	11534	9602	4623	21009	313164	313183	313183	

(H) Hickory, (N) Newton, (C) Conover

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Moderator REV. GERALD C. GOODWIN																											
Address P. O. Box 1931														City Hickory													
														State North Carolina													
														Zip 28601													
CHURCHES														CHAIRMEN OF DEACONS & ADDRESSES													
Brookford														None													
Calvary (H)														None													
Calvary (N)														Harold Soronce, Rt. 1, Newton 28658													
Catawba														Allen Oxford, Rt. 2, Box 169, Claremont 28610													
Central (H)														Andy Stephens, Box 196, Hildebran 28637													
Claremont, First														Basil Boggs, Rt. 2, Box 27-B, Newton 28658													
Corinth														Roy Fulbright, Rt. 3, Vale 28168													
East 1st St.(N)														F. D. Williams, 118 N. Ervin Ave., Newton 28658													
Emmanuel (N)														Milton Cline, Rt. 2, Box 520, Newton 28658													
Fairbrook														Lester Mull, Rt. 3, Hickory 28601													
Fairgrove														Ray Granger, Rt. 2, Conover 28613													
Hickory East														Fred Stewart, 1218 13 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601													
Hickory First														C. W. Broome, Box 1028, Hickory 28601													
Hickory West														Boyd Matheson, Box 211, Hickory 28601													
Highland (H)														Paul Beasley, 492 21 Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory 28601													
Hildebran, First														Jack Hodges, Rt. 2, Box 933, Connelly Spgs.													
Icard														Roy Simpson, Rt. 1, Connelly Spgs. 28612													
Lakeview														W. O. West, Sr., 2129 6 St. NE, Hickory 28601													
Longview (H)														Glenn Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 217-A, Hickory 28601													
Mountain Grove														Don Adams, 806 6 St. SW, Conover 28613													
Newton, 1st														Graham Dixon, 1809 N. College Ave., Newton 28658													
Newton North														Jerry E. Bolick, 320 4 St. SE, Hickory 28601													
Oakland Hgts.(H)														None													
Oxford														Edsel E. Hoyle, 1075 16 Ave., NW, Hickory 28601													
Penelope(H)														Ernest Cline, Rt. 7 Box 686, Hickory 28601													
Providence														Boyce Dobbins, 120 11 St. Pl. SW Hickory 28601													
Sandy Ridge														Ed Hoffman, Rt. 3 Box 614, Hickory 28601													
Springs Road														Eugene Ledford, Rt. 1 Box 269AA, Newton 28658													
Startown														Melvin Lockman, 200 21 St. SE, Hickory 28601													
Sweetwater																											
Temple (H)																											
Unity (H)														Robert H. Conley, 514 26 St. NW, Hickory 28601													
Viewmont (H)														Earl Roberts, 1247 10 St. Lane NW, Hickory													
Warlicks														James Hildebran, Rt. 2, Connelly Spgs. 28612													
Wayside														Ed Cook, Rt. 4, Box 945, Hickory 28601													
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The next annual session will be held with Providence Baptist Church, Hickory (morning and afternoon), October 25, 1973, the Evening Session with Woodlawn Baptist Church, Conover, October 25, 1973.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, orphanage, state or south-wide agency or board within its borders.

2. There is no WMU, Sunday School Church Training, Brotherhood or Music meeting during the sessions of our association. All these organizations meet at some other time. No minutes of their meetings were furnished the clerk for publication except the WMU. Information on their work can be found in their reports to this body.

3. The calendar of activities of the association is being issued separately from this issue of the Annual.

4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of the Association and bear the name of the chairman only.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BROOKFORD (3): Mrs. Carl F. Hefner, Henry F. Wallace, Mrs. H. F. Wallace (1 visitor)
 CALVARY (H) (5): Rev. Dexter E. Couch, Sr. (Pastor), Marshall Fulbright
 CALVARY (N) (4): Rev. Fred Thompson (Pastor), M. L. Adair, Mrs. Lucy Mauney, Mrs. J. J. Pate
 CATAWBA (4): Rev. Billy R. Cook (Pastor), Mrs. Margaret R. Cook, Miss Edna Danner, Mrs. Martha Oxford (2 visitors)
 CENTRAL (5): Rev. Bruce Walker (Pastor), Alford Crow, R. S. Crump, Andy Stephens, Mrs. Rachel Walker (1 visitor)
 CLAREMONT, FIRST (3): Rev. V. C. Martin (Pastor)
 CORINTH (5): Rev. B. R. Holbrook (Pastor), David Danner, Mrs. David Danner, Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Mrs. Vincent Johnson (5 visitors)

EAST FIRST STREET (5): Rev. R. H. Brown (Pastor), Mrs. Beatrice Lyda, Horace Mace, Mrs. Horace Mace

EMMANUEL (5): None

FAIRBROOK (3): None

FAIRGROVE (4): Rev. R. M. Heavner (Pastor), Mrs. R. M. Heavner, Mrs. J. B. Isbell, Mrs. Edward Parsons (2 visitors)

HICKORY, EAST (7): Rev. B. T. Tucker, Jr. (Pastor), Carroll Burns, Mrs. Bessie Canipe, Miss Lois Canipe, Mrs. Joe Franklin, Albert Kirby, Mrs. Lindsey Miller, Jr. (1 visitor)

HICKORY, FIRST (17): Rev. R. F. Smith, Jr. (Pastor), Al Andrews, Mrs. Al Andrews, David Byler, B. V. Chamblee, E. Ted Chandler, Mrs. Lee Frans, Donald E. Greene, J. D. Greene, E. C. Link, Mrs. E. C. Link, Mrs. R. F. Smith, Jr., C. Van Teague, Mrs. Rose Wolff, Mrs. Spurgeon Young

HICKORY, WEST (12): Rev. H. Phillip King (Pastor), Miss Sharon Cannon, Miss Helen Cater, Mrs. Frank B. Deal, Mrs. H. Phillip King, Edgar Lineberger, Mrs. Edgar Lineberger, J. Louis Price, Mrs. Mildred W. Price, Mrs. B. R. Spencer, Mrs. Lula R. Stallings, Mrs. Nihla L. Truett (4 visitors)

HIGHLAND (15): Rev. Roy Beals (Pastor), Mrs. Roy Beals, Mrs. Paul Beasley, John C. Dean, Mrs. John Dean, W. B. Duncan, Kenneth Ferguson, Mrs. Jerry Kale, Julian S. Suggs, V. H. White (19 visitors)

HILDEBRAN, FIRST (8): B. J. Abernethy, J. P. Abernethy, Mrs. J. Perry Abernethy, Mrs. Raymond Burns, Mrs. Virgil Mosteller (1 visitor)

ICARD (5): Rev. Harvey Laughter (Pastor), Mrs. Edith Dameron, Mrs. Roy Simpson

LAKEVIEW (5): Rev. Walter Cooley (Pastor), Michael W. Carpenter, Barry Green, Mrs. Betty McGraw

LONGVIEW (5): Julius Cook, Jr., Wilma Hutto, Mrs. J. C. Land, Leonard Tolbert, Mrs. Leonard Tolbert (13 visitors)

MOUNTAIN GROVE (7): Rev. Homer E. Bradey (Pastor), Mrs. Homer E. Bradey, Mrs. R. K. Hildebran, Mrs. Jim Leatherman, Mrs. W. H. Whitener

NEWTON, FIRST (10): Rev. W. J. Furr (Pastor), James E. Britt, Mrs. James E. Britt, Raleigh Castelloe, Roy W. Drum, Roy L. Furr, Mrs. Roy L. Furr, Mrs. Bartow Hilton, Jim Matson, Mrs. Onnie Smith, Robert E. Wright, Sr. (54 visitors)

NORTH NEWTON (7): Rev. Bob Hillard (Pastor), D. B. Berry, Linda Crawford, Mrs. Bob Hillard, Joe C. Rhodes, Jerrel Stewart, Mrs. Carl Wilson (4 visitors)

OAKLAND HEIGHTS (4): None

OXFORD (3): None

PENELOPE (13): Rev. James R. Rowles (Pastor), Jim Gorsuch, Mrs. James Gorsuch, Mrs. Ed Abernethy, Mrs. O. H. Cook, Mrs. W. H. Harris, J. Harold Craig, Mrs. J. Harold Craig, Edsel E. Hoyle (1 visitor)

PROVIDENCE (4): Rev. W. L. Jenkins (Pastor), Frances Abernethy, M. S. Brittain, Mrs. Gladys Cline (4 visitors)

SANDY RIDGE (7): Rev. Homer Greene (Pastor), Bertha Abernethy, Mrs. Don Bowman, Mrs. Emma Edwards, Mrs. Roy D. Killian, Claude L. Martin, Mrs. Hal Owens

SPRINGS ROAD (7): Rev. Wray G. Barrett (Pastor), Mrs. Wray Barrett, Mrs. Betty Roark

STARTOWN (4): None

SWEETWATER (4): Rev. Lewis W. Williams (Pastor)

TEMPLE (7): Rev. Smoot Baker (Pastor), Mrs. Smoot Baker, Mrs. Richard H. Brittain, J. Z. Fulbright, Cecil Mull, Mrs. Cecil Mull, Mrs. Sybil Woody (1 visitor)

UNITY (4): None

VIEWMONT (15): Rev. Albert A. Young (Pastor), Charles R. Brown, Janie Ellis, Mrs. Roy Good, Mrs. Chasta Lineberger, Frank Poovey, Ted H. Rhyne, Mrs. Ted Rhyne, Camille Withers, Myra Yount (1 visitor)

WARLICKS (7): Rev. Matt L. Hastings (Pastor), Mrs. Matt Hastings, Mrs. Clayton Martin, Mrs. Avery Orders, Mrs. Mildred M. Wycoff

WAYSIDE (3): Mrs. Ed Cook, Mrs. Loren Harsch

WINKLER'S GROVE (8): Rev. Paul J. Hopkins (Pastor)

WOODLAWN (5): D. M. Brunson, Mrs. D. M. Brunson, J. W. Perkins, J. S. Williams, Mrs. J. S. Williams (2 visitors)

Visitors from outside the Association - 18

Constitution

Adopted October 25, 1956

Article I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objectives of the association.

Article V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 2. Special meetings of the association and/or the executive committee may be called upon request of any officer or committee of the association, or upon petition of a majority of the members of the executive committee, or like number of messengers to the past regular association meeting, provided that the intended purpose of the special business be stated in the announcement which shall be sent to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organizations, i.e., Sunday School, Baptist

Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

Article VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Director of Music, three Trustees, Publicity Chairman, Parliamentarian and Central Training School Director.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time, Place and Preacher, Christian Life, Evangelism, Constitution and By-Laws, Ordination, Enrollment, Associational Office and Central Training School Committee.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented to the churches in writing prior to May 1 preceding the annual meeting.

By-Laws

Article I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals, and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

Article II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and/or Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with the exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Article III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee. However, vacancies occurring in the office of Moderator or Vice-Moderator between meetings of the Association shall be filled by the Executive Committee without nominations from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation, counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the second successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator. He shall preside in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify member churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings of their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal documents as directed by the association and/or the Executive Committee. They shall have the power under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property, both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administer the Scholarship fund. Their terms of office shall be for three years, with one trustee rotating off each year.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Section 10. The Publicity Chairman shall promote, through all available advertising media, all association activities.

Section 11. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Moderator, or other presiding officer, on any question of parliamentary procedure.

Section 12. The Central Training School Director shall in consultation with the Central Training School Committee establish the time, place and curriculum, special emphasis, special programs, and guest speakers for the Central Training School of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All Standing committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committee, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the Association organizations; Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union and Music. These shall be selected by their respective organizations by May 1st of each year and their names submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and recommendation to the annual meeting of the Association. This does not preclude nominations from the floor. The Moderator will appoint a pastor advisor to work with the committee. Members of the Nominating Committee may not succeed themselves for a period of one year.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, the Pastor and one layman from each church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES: The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Tuesday following the third Sunday of the second month of each quarter. It shall make such recommendations at the annual meeting or special meetings as it shall consider to the best interest of the work. It shall make an annual report of its proceedings to the association which shall be included in the minutes of the association. It shall conduct the business of the association between the annual session, provided that no matter be initiated which is contrary to the prescribed policy of the association as set forth in the proceedings of its meetings. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association. It shall be empowered to elect such temporary committees as are necessary to effectively carry out the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers and the standing committees of the association, with the exception of the executive and nominating committees, and suggest the representative to the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. No person shall be nominated by the nominating committee for more than one elective office.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of six members. The Association Treasurer is ex-officio member of this committee. The committee is charged with the promotion of stewardship in the association. It will publicize widely and promote the various financial needs of the various phases of the Southern Baptist Convention's program at home and abroad. It shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget. The proposed budget and financial plans will be submitted to the churches for consideration fifty (50) days prior to the annual meeting. The committee shall audit the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting of the Association. The committee shall divide itself into two sub-committees of Stewardship and Auditing, in order to perform the duties set forth in this section of the By-Laws.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizens' Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Section 11. The Evangelism Committee shall consist of three members. It shall, under the direction of the executive committee, plan, promote and coordinate all association evangelistic activities.

Section 12. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five members. It shall, upon invitation of a member church and by direction of the moderator, assist in preparing and conducting the ordination services of candidates for the ministry.

Section 13. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws shall consist of three members. It shall review all proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations to the association as to their adoption or rejection. It shall, from time to time, submit such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws which it deems pertinent to the proper functioning of the association, its committees and organizations.

Section 14. The Enrollment Committee shall consist of a Chairman selected by the Nominating Committee and three associates from each of the host churches. This committee shall register the duly elected messengers to the annual meeting of the association, distinguished guests, etc. They shall provide each messenger with copies of the program and the book of reports. They shall provide for the care and comfort of the guests and messengers by advising them of the various facilities of the host church and location thereof. They shall provide for the notification of pastors, messengers and guests of emergency calls. They shall assist the Moderator and the Association Clerk as requested by them.

Section 15. The Association Office Committee shall consist of five members. It is responsible for the general oversight and supervision of the operation of the Association Office consistent with acceptable office practices. It shall prescribe the duties of the Promotional Secretary through a comprehensive job description. It shall make recommendations to the Finance Committee with reference to salary, expense account, retirement plans, hospitalization insurance, convention and assembly expense, vacation and related items of the Promotional Secretary of the Association. It shall recommend to the Finance Committee an office expense budget each year. It shall be responsible for the procurement of proper office equipment deemed needful for the efficient operation of the Association Office. It shall serve to mediate any misunderstanding which may arise between the churches and the Promotional Secretary, and likewise to assist the Promotional Secretary in his/her relationships with the churches of the Association. All matters related to the operation and functions of the Association Office will be referred to this committee for study and recommendation.

Section 16. The Central Training School Committee shall consist of the Central Training School Director, the Association Sunday School Superintendent, the Association Training Union Director, the Association WMU Director, the Association Brotherhood Director and the Association Music Director or their representative. This committee shall develop a comprehensive and progressive training school program embracing the main areas of religious education. They shall determine the curriculum of the annual training school, select the areas of special emphasis, select guest speakers and arrange for their care and comfort as guests of the association, arrange for general and special programs and features, as well as select the time and the location of the annual school and the members of the faculty thereof. They shall submit a budget estimate for the operation of the school to the Finance Committee for consideration and inclusion in the annual association budget. All matters related to

the operation, function, scope and mission of the Central Training School will be referred to this committee for study and final recommended action to the association.

Article V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days' notice has been given to each of the member churches.

Proceedings

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
THURSDAY MORNING
Highland Baptist Church
October 19, 1972

1. The Seventeenth annual session began with singing the Hymn, "All Hail the Power" with Julian Suggs leading. Mrs. Jerry Kale served as organist. Rev. Homer Greene from Sandy Ridge Church read Scripture from Ephesians 4 and led in prayer. A quartet composed of Ministers of Music, Julian Suggs, Edgar Lineberger, David Byler and Charles Brown, sang "I'm On My Journey Home" and "Shall We Gather At the River".

2. The Moderator, Rev. Roy Beals, called the session to the order of the day. On motion by Rev. Albert Young, chairman of the Program committee, the printed program was accepted as the order of the day with necessary changes.

Program

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 19
Highland Baptist Church

9:30 Hymn - "All Hail the Power"	No. 132
Scripture and Prayer	Julian Suggs, Leading
Special Music	Rev. Homer Greene
9:40 ORGANIZATION OF SESSION	Ministers of Music Quartet
Constitution of Seventeenth Annual Session	
Adoption of Order of Business	Rev. Albert Young
Welcome	Rev. Roy Beals
Introduction of New Pastors and Staff Members	Dr. Smoot Baker
Recognition of Visitors	
Report of Registration	V. H. White
9:55 Hymn - "Lead On, O King Eternal"	No. 417
	David Byler, Leading
10:00 COMMITTEE AND ORGANIZATION REPORTS	
Nominating Committee	Sunday School
Central Training School	Church Training
Finance Committee	Woman's Missionary Union
Trustees	Brotherhood
Evangelism	Music
10:30 Message in Song	Mr. and Mrs. Harold Craig
10:35 Stewardship & Cooperative Program	Luther Osment

11:05 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
 Place & Preacher Committee
 Election of Officers
 Other Business

James Britt

11:30 WORSHIP

“Come Thou Almighty King”

No. 12

Scripture and Prayer

Charles Brown, Leading

Message in Song

Rev. B. T. Tucker

Sermon

John Dean & Julian Suggs

Blessing & Benediction

Rev. Wray G. Barrett

Rev. H. Phillip King

12:15 LUNCH

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 19

Highland Baptist Church

1:30 Hymn - “To God be the Glory”

No. 41

Scripture and Prayer

Edgar Lineberger, Leading

Robert Fisher

1:40 “THE CAUSE OF THE KINGDOM IN NORTH CAROLINA”

Representatives from the State Convention Institutions & Agencies: Moderator for the Panel: Rev. W. J. Furr; N. C. Baptist Association, Peyton Brown; Biblical Recorder, ; Baptist Hospital, Gerald Hewitt; Baptist Children's Homes, J. D. Dennis; Baptist Homes for the Aging, W. A. Poole; Annuity Department, Rev. Guy S. Cain; State Convention, Mr. Kay Huggins; Campbell College, Dr. Hugh McKinney; Gardner-Webb College, Dr. Eugene Poston; Mars Hill College, Dr. Fred B. Bentley; Meredith College, Rev. Gene Phillips; Wake Forest University, ; Fruitland Bible Institute, Mr. Gary Harthcock.

2:40 Hymn - “Amazing Grace”

No. 188

Miss Linda Crawford, Leading

2:45 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

3:00 MEMORIAL SERVICE

Rev. Homer Bradey

3:15 Benediction

Rev. Bill Cook

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 19

Longview Baptist Church

7:30 Hymn - “Forward Through the Ages”

No. 463

Scripture and Prayer

Charles Craig, Leading

Welcome

Rev. R. M. Heavner

Announcements

Rev. E. B. Smith, Jr.

Miscellaneous Business

BSU - Lenoir - Rhyne College

Rev. Alfred Andrews

7:45 Youth Choir, Newton, First

Charles Craig, Dir.

8:00 Sights and Sounds in Home Missions

Knolan Benfield, Jr.,

3. Dr. Smoot Baker welcomed these new pastors, staff members and their wives: Rev. and Mrs. Bill Cook, pastor, Catawba; Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Walker, pastor, Central; Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Heavner, pastor, Fairgrove; Mrs. R. F. Smith, Jr., First, Hickory (Pastor Smith was away in revival services); Rev. and Mrs. H. Phillip King, pastor, West Hickory; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lineberger, minister of music, education, West Hickory; Rev. and Mrs. John Dean, associate minister, Highland; Rev. and Mrs. Raleigh Castelloe, associate minister, First, Newton; Rev. Willard Jenkins, pastor, Providence; Rev. Homer Greene, pastor, Sandy Ridge. Absent at this time were Rev. Ervel Jones, pastor, Fairbrook; Dr. Ben Byrd, pastor, First, Hildebran; and Rev. Harold

Threatt, pastor, Woodlawn. Rev. Beals led in a prayer of dedication after remarks by Rev. Baker.

4. No visitors from outside the association were present at this time.

5. V. H. White, registrar, reported 130 messengers and 43 visitors (total 173) had registered from 27 churches.

6. David Byler led in singing "Lead On, O King Eternal". Frank Poovey, chairman of Publicity, was recognized for the excellent newspaper coverage.

7. The Resolutions committee was asked to meet with Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, chairman, at 1:15 p.m.

8. Rev. Homer Bradey, chairman of the nominating committee, presented their report (as contained in this issue). These were elected.

9. Harold Craig, director of Central Training School, told of plans for the School to be held February 26 - March 1, 1973 and for a "Wee" (Weekday Early Education) Clinic to be held February 9-10, 1973.

10. Edsel Hoyle, chairman of the Finance committee, presented the proposed budget, amount \$15,728.00, which was adopted as printed in this issue. He also reported for the Treasurer, Frelon Broome, who was unable to be present.

11. George F. Hemphill, chairman of the Trustees and Foundation, gave their report. He noted that only four churches have responded with names of a "key man" from their church for the Foundation.

12. Rev. James R. Rowles, chairman of Evangelism, gave plans for the four Lay Witnessing Schools being held October 30 - November 2 and told of plans for the Simultaneous Revivals being held April 7-12, 1973.

13. Rev. Walter Cooley, Sunday School director, recognized his age-level directors and offered their services to those desiring it.

14. In the absence of Gary Whitener, Church Training director, who was out of town, Rev. Al Andrews told of the work done this year, including the services of the Apostoloi Team last Summer.

15. Mrs. B. R. Holbrook gave a report on WMU work for Mrs. Rose Wolff, director, who was unable to be present.

16. There has been no association Brotherhood organization during the year.

17. Julian Suggs, association music director, gave his report on the year's activities in the music ministry.

18. A motion by Mr. Suggs to adopt these reports was approved.

19. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Craig sang a duet, "It's A Wonderful, Wonderful Life".

20. Julian Suggs introduced the Rev. Luther Osment, Western area missionary of the Baptist State Convention, who gave a brief history of the Cooperative Program, telling how we as Southern Baptists take the whole Gospel to the whole world by working together.

21. Rev. B. R. Holbrook, vice-moderator, presided over the first part of the business session with Donald Greene serving as Parliamentarian. James Britt, chairman of the Place and Preacher committee, presented their recommendations which were adopted as follows: 1973 session to meet with Providence Church for the morning and afternoon sessions and with Woodlawn Church for the evening session. Rev. William J. Furr will preach the annual sermon with Rev. Raymond H. Brown as alternate.

22. On motion from the floor, Rev. Roy Beals was re-elected by acclamation as moderator and Rev. B. R. Holbrook was re-elected by acclamation as vice-moderator.

23. With Mr. Beals presiding again, V. H. White reported registration of 136 messengers and 48 visitors (total 184) from 29 churches. Julian Suggs gave plans for serving lunch.

24. Rev. Alfred Andrews, chairman of the Constitution & By-Laws committee, presented a proposed change in the By-Laws and this was adopted as printed in their report of this issue of the Annual.

25. The worship period began with singing of the Hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King" led by Charles Brown. B. T. Tucker read Scripture from Matthew 16, 13-19.

Julian Suggs and John Dean sang a duet. Rev. Wray Barrett, pastor of Springs Road Church, brought the annual sermon - "What Do You Think of Jesus Christ?" Rev. Phillip King, pastor of West Hickory Church, led in the benediction.

26. A bountiful lunch was served by the host church.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 19

Highland Baptist Church

27. Edgar Lineberger led in singing, "To God Be the Glory". Rev. Raleigh Castleloe, associate pastor of First Church, Newton, read Scripture from II Thessalonians 3:1-5 and led in prayer.

28. "The Cause of the Kingdom In North Carolina" was moderated by Rev. W. J. Furr, First Church, Newton, with the following representatives participating: Peyton Brown, Baptist Foundation; Gerald Hewitt, Baptist Hospital; Dr. Ted Chandler, Children's Homes; Lester Martin, Homes for the Aging; Guy Cain, Annuity Board; Kay Huggins, State Convention; Dr. Hugh McKinney, Campbell College; Dr. Eugene Poston, Gardner-Webb College; Dr. Fred Bentley, Mars Hill College; Gene Phillips, Meredith College; Dr. David Smiley, Wake Forest University; and Gary Harthcock, Fruitland Institute.

29. Mrs. Guy Cain was recognized. Miss Linda Crawford led in singing "Amazing Grace".

30. The only miscellaneous business was a report from the registrar showing 145 messengers and 59 visitors, a total of 204 from 30 churches had registered.

31. Rev. Homer Bradey led the Memorial service for deceased members during the year including Rev. Hampton L. Seronce, pastor of the Fairbrook Church. Mrs. Bradey, pianist, assisted in the service.

32. The moderator announced plans for the evening service being held at 7:30 pm at the Longview Church. Rev. Bill Cook, pastor of Catawba Church, led the benediction.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 19

Longview Baptist Church

33. The evening session began with Charles Craig leading the Hymn, "Forward Through the Ages". Rev. R. M. Heavner read Scripture verses from Isaiah 54 and led in prayer. Rev. E. B. Smith, Interim pastor of Longview Church, extended a cordial welcome to the messengers and visitors.

34. During the miscellaneous business session, Mr. White reported new registration of 22 messengers and 73 visitors. A total of 150 persons attended the evening session.

35. Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, chairman of the Resolutions committee, presented their report which was adopted as contained in this issue.

36. Rev. Al Andrews, presented Miss Sharon Cannon, president of the Lenoir-Rhyne College B.S.U., who expressed appreciation to the Association for their assistance in their BSU program. She told of their activities.

37. The Youth Choir from First Church, Newton, presented a mini-concert, directed by Charles Craig, with Mrs. Craig as accompanist.

38. Rev. R. F. Smith, Jr., new pastor of First Church in Hickory was recognized.

39. Rev. Beals introduced Knolan Benfield, Jr., an associate in the Audio-Visual department of the Home Mission Board, who presented "Sights and Sounds in Home Missions" showing the various types of ministries being carried on by the Home Mission Board. He encouraged us to visit Home Mission fields when on vacation trips. Rev. R. F. Smith led the closing prayer.

40. The total registration for the day was 170 messengers and 134 visitors, a total of 304 persons from 31 churches. Emmanuel, Fairbrook, Oakland Heights, Oxford, Startown and Unity Churches were not represented. Four Preschoolers were in the nursery. It was raining hard when the session began; however, it was clear at the noon hour and became colder.

Reports

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Walter L. Cooley

Looking back upon the past year, three significant things stand out:

First, our VBS Clinic once again gave us the guidance and direction we all needed. A special commendation goes to Miss Linda Crawford and her fine staff: Mrs. Alfred Andrews, Mrs. Gary Whitener, Mrs. Bob Hillard, Rev. Raleigh Castelloe, Miss Helen Cater, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Craig and Mr. Julian Suggs. Thanks again, First Baptist Church, Hickory, for hosting the Associational Clinic.

Secondly, we held a Realife Conference at West Hickory with about ninety participating. The purpose was to get back to the Holy Place of our conversion and recapture the old ardor and zeal of Christian service. It should be apparent that we can't serve the Lord with gladness unless we have the joy of our salvation.

Thirdly, the Theron Rankin Association has an excellent Sunday School staff composed of: Miss Linda Crawford, VBS Director; Mrs. Gary Whitener, Preschool Division; Mrs. Alfred Andrews, Childrens Division; Mr. Jesse Hill, Youth Division; and Rev. Homer Bradey, Adult Division. These competent leaders are at your service for personal or group help.

Remember, "Gather the people together, men and women, and children and the stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the Lord your God, and observe to do all the words of this Law". (Deuteronomy 31:12) For this is what Sunday School work is all about.

REPORT OF CHURCH TRAINING

Gary Whitener

Another church year is ended and it's time to look back and see what has been done and look to the future to see what we can do to assist churches with their training programs.

We began last year with a good "M" Night program at Mountain Grove Church with 357 attending. The Church Training officers have been very busy throughout the year trying to keep our Youth program interesting and challenging. We know this has been a big year for youth. Our association was given the opportunity to have the Apostoloi Team in our Association for the Summer. These six young people visited sixteen churches and led in numerous other projects including the Associational Youth Retreat at Wingate College. These young people will long be remembered by those with whom they worked this Summer for their eagerness to help someone learn about Jesus.

The Church Training officers have had opportunities to visit some churches and teach leadership courses. We ask each of you to evaluate your training needs. If we can assist you, please let us know. If we as Christians fail to keep ourselves trained to do the task we have, our churches will weaken. Please - Train, It's The Christ-like Thing To Do.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. Rose Wolff

Woman's Missionary Union in the Theron Rankin Association churches took both "the high road" and "the low road" this year. Reports from the churches feature highlights of: weekly prayer retreats for W.M.U. council, weekday ministry with children of special needs, sustained mission action to children at Western Carolina Center

and the sick in Nursing Homes and the Juvenile Center, weeks of Prayer for Foreign and Home Missions, Mission Study classes for both Foreign and Home Missions series, Day Camps, Rallys and Retreats, visitation to newcomers, sick, bereaved, and unsaved. I'm sure there are others, but these have come to our attention. The low road reflects the involvement of our women and young people to be less than in years past, with our enrollment and new organizations not showing good increases.

With the enlistment of Mrs. Bob Hillard of North Newton Church as Associate W.M.U. Director, we are looking forward to renewed interest and a fresh approach as we work in Enlistment and Enlargement through the GIANT STEP EMPHASIS program.

Mrs. Al Andrews of Hickory, First Church has added much prestige to our Association by her outstanding work as approved State Worker for Baptist Young Women. She led Workshops at Fruitland and Mundo Vista and held conferences in many churches throughout our State.

Our Associational meetings were well attended despite the many calls on our women and young people.

All age level manuals were taught in our Central Training School by our State WMU Staff.

Our Girls in Action held a Mother-Daughter Tea at North Newton Church with Mrs. C. T. Stephens, missionary to Indonesia, as guest speaker. Day Camps for both younger and older GA's were held. Mrs. Eugene Ledford, Associational GA Director, has done an excellent job for our leaders and girls.

The Acteens, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Larry Penley, had a very colorful year. The Acteens Council prepared well and the girls who attended the Mini-Retreat at Winklers Grove will long remember the marvelous Apostoloi Team who led the Retreat.

Our Mission Friends' leaders lived "high on the hog" when they had their meeting at Mom & Pop's Ham House. Mrs. Barbara Bowman has planned well for our Mission Friends.

Intercessory Prayer, away from the busy hum of life, was the highlight meeting for our Baptist Young Women. Our Associational BYW Director, Mrs. Al Andrews, has worked beautifully with our young ladies. This group also attended the BYW dinner at the State WMU meeting in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Lindsay Miller, Jr. has led our Baptist Women in an excellent manner. The Winklers Grove Church hosted our annual WMU meeting and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Stephens, missionaries to Indonesia, were guest speakers. Many of our men pleased us with their presence and we hope they will make this a habit - one not to be broken.

Mrs. Ronda Russell, our very efficient secretary, and treasurer, kept good records of our meetings and gave us good newspaper publicity. And, Miss Helen Cater was her usual helpful self.

Viewmont Church hosted our Leadership Clinic with 136 women in attendance.

Your Associational WMU Directors are grateful for the opportunities the churches have given us to serve and ask for their prayers and continued avenues of service... all to the glory of God.

REPORT OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Julian Suggs

The highlight of Theron Rankin's Music year was participation by some twenty-eight churches in the Central Training School last winter. There was a total of 333 people enrolled in ten music classes. Leadership for the courses came from the State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention.

The annual Music Conference was held last January 18th at Penelope Baptist Church with 67 persons from 14 churches participating. The conference was designed primarily for "part-time" or volunteer music directors. The conference this

year is scheduled for January 23rd at West Hickory Church.

Highland Church hosted the Regional Choir Festival this past spring with several Theron Rankin churches participating there and also at Valdese.

The Associational Music committee met once during the year projecting plans for the year's work.

Several Youth and Children's Choir members participated in State Choir Festivals held in Asheville and Charlotte.

The choir camps at Fruitland and Fort Caswell still have many members enrolled each summer from Theron Rankin Association churches.

Music is a vital force and instrument of worship in the life of a church. It is our prayer that we will continue to grow musically in "teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts unto the Lord". (Col. 3:16)

REPORT ON BROTHERHOOD

(There was no Association Brotherhood activities during the year.)

REPORT ON THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Mrs. C. R. Yount

As Southern Baptists share the missionary task of sharing Christ with the whole world, the American Bible Society is an active partner. This task of sharing Christ calls for the widest possible distribution of the Scriptures. The Bible speaks to the hearts of men, women and children. The purpose of the American Bible Society is to provide the Bible to these people around the world in a language they can understand.

In the interest of making God's Word more easily understood, the Bible Society is presently engaged in a top-priority project, the translation of the Bible into everyday speech for the major languages, plus many key secondary languages and dialects. At this time nearly 50 projects now exist, involving languages and dialects spoken by more than 70% of the world's population.

Southern Baptists consider the American Bible Society an essential part of their own world-wide mission program, and believe in the missionary importance of giving, by providing the Word of God for every man, woman and child in his own language.

REPORT ON THE ANNUITY BOARD

Lewis E. Williams

Darold H. Morgan took office as president of the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention on March 1, 1972. R. Alton Reed, whom he succeeded, had been chief executive officer of the Board for 19 years.

The change in executive leadership occurred with the Board having record funds held in trust of more than \$292 million, as of December 31, 1971. These funds are held in trust for 36,000 retirement plan participants now active in churches and denominational agencies.

The Board paid out 25% more in benefits to 7,500 annuitants last year than their contracts required. Called "13th Checks", these extra benefits were paid twice in the year - 8 1/3% in February and another 16 2/3% in December.

The same good yield on investments that permitted extra benefits to annuitants also gave Good Experience Credits (credits for good experience in investing) to active members of the various plans, adding value to their retirement fund being built up.

The extra benefits paid through "13th Checks" totaled \$1,339,732.

The Board, in its 54 years of existence, had paid out benefits that total \$92.1 million, including over \$10 million during 1971.

During the administration of R. Alton Reed, the Annuity Board eliminated its "unfunded liability" - which meant that potential claims for benefits exceeded assets, and is now in a position not only to fully meet every outstanding contract with members, but to grant Good Experience Credit as well.

The Annuity Board offers a protection plan for disability, death, and retirement to cover every pastor, church staff member, and denominational agency employee. Many churches help by paying in full the dues for their pastor and staff.

Retirement contributions may be made on the full salaries of pastors and other personnel by taking advantage of Plans B and C as well as Plan A. Information on these Plans may be secured by writing the development office, 511 North Akard Bldg., Dallas, Texas 75201, or by contacting the State Representative, Guy Cain, who retires on December 31 or Sam O'Neal, the new State Representative.

In Theron Rankin Association, the Association and 28 of the 37 churches and 35 staff members are enrolled in the Protection Program.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE COMMITTEE

Homer Bradey

The Associational Office Committee held one meeting on a Sunday Afternoon in July. Suggestions were passed on to the Associational Budget Committee. Job descriptions and policies are presently being worked out to be presented at the next meeting of the Executive Committee of the Theron Rankin Association.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

Earl L. Melton

To Treasurer and Finance Committee, Theron Rankin Baptist Association:

In accordance with your instructions, we have examined the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association, Hickory, North Carolina for the years ended September 30, 1971 and September 30, 1972 and present herewith our report.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

CASH IN BANK, \$1,825.57: Cash in Bank on September 30, 1972, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

CASH IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, \$16,479.87: Cash in Savings Account at First Savings & Loan Association of \$10,000.00 and at Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Association of \$6,479.87 on September 30, 1972, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

INCOME, \$32,067.02: Receipts from churches and miscellaneous income for the two years were traced from the receipts journal into the bank account.

EXPENSES, \$32,013.82: Invoices and other supporting documents for the expense of the Association for the two Years were examined and traced into the disbursements journal on a test basis.

We found the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association to be well kept and complete, thereby making it possible to locate the information needed in connection with our examination.

REPORT ON BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME OF NORTH CAROLINA

E. Ted Chandler, M.D.

For the past eighty-seven years, North Carolina Baptists and their Children's Homes have cooperated in a program of Christian child care. This relationship has been characterized, on the part of the agency, by a sensitivity to real needs and a commitment to the best in child care. On the part of North Carolina Baptists, there has been a lasting commitment to child care expressed in generous and enthusiastic support of the agency's ministry.

This annual report finds the agency vigorously pursuing its basic purposes. Changing patterns of family life and the involvement of government in social ministries profoundly affect the number of children needing our care and the types of care needed. More and more we are being asked to serve children with special needs beyond neglect and dependency; emotional disturbance which requires professional treatment. The urgency of the present and the challenge of the future is to find effective patterns of care for these children.

The Baptist Children's Homes will not be content to provide minimal care only. We are committed to quality care which serves the whole person, providing the experiences and relationships which can enable the child to develop his full potential. Quality care costs. It makes heavy demands on the individual staff member in his involvement with the child. It requires more staff members for the number of children served. It necessitates the purchase of supplementary professional services, such as medical and psychological specialists. But the cost is really an investment in the future of the children served, and we believe it is the best investment of life and money we can make.

The Children's Homes continues to expand and improve its services to children and their families. Two new cottages are under construction at Broyhill Home. The Ten Star Builders' Program is enlisting the support of Eastern North Carolina for Christian child care in that section of the state. Across the state, renewed effort is being given to the enlistment of foster families.

Baptists have demonstrated through their interest and support that they believe in what we are doing. We deeply appreciate this generous support, and we pledge ourselves to continue this ministry of child care in the name of Christ and on behalf of North Carolina Baptists.

REPORT OF CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL

J. Harold Craig

Music and missions were the emphases of last year's Central Training School held at First Baptist Church, Hickory, February 14-17. The faculty was composed of state WMU leaders and state and southwide music leadership.

The total enrolment reached 591 with an average attendance of 414, and 31 out of 37 churches were represented.

Plans for the 1973 school are nearing completion for February 26-March 1, also at Hickory, First. Dr. Ernest Loessner of Southern Baptist Seminary, Dr. Stuart Arnold, Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Mr. Neil Jackson, Church Recreation Department, a representative from the Church Library Department, along with the state Sunday School staff will compose the main portion of the faculty.

In addition to the evening classes, morning sessions with Dr. Loessner and Dr. Arnold will be held for pastors, staff members, and others who can attend from our own and surrounding associations.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Miss Martha Eggers

CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION! - What do we mean when we refer to Christian Higher Education? - How can we have a part in this work?

Our seven Baptist Colleges with the prayerful and financial support of Baptist churches across the state seek to provide opportunities for students to seek Truth in an atmosphere of freedom, guided by persons who are committed to God as He is revealed in Jesus Christ.

From the total enrollment of 16,609 in our Baptist colleges this past year, many have participated in Baptist Student Union projects, evangelism clinics, area retreats - 70 young men and women worked in churches across North Carolina through the Baptist Youth Corps Program, others into the inner-city, and into resort areas.

The Cooperative Program is the largest financial source of annual income for our colleges. Our churches can help to relieve the financial burden of our schools through participation in the Baptist College Scholarship offering taken each year on Father's Day.

In 1971 Baptist churches of North Carolina gave a total of \$1,936,000 to our Baptist colleges. This means that everytime the offering plate is passed in a cooperating Baptist church in North Carolina a part of what the people give accrues to each one of these colleges.

This is an amazing example of teamwork. We are, as the Apostle Paul said to the Corinthians, "Workers together with God".

We work together because we believe in the same Savior and Lord, because we are committed to the same program that He gave us, and because we have found it both worth-while and gratifying to work together to make Christian higher education available to the youth who desire to have it.

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Bob H. Hillard

The Christian Life Commission's stewardship of emphasis on applied Christianity included some particularly significant developments during the past year. Reliable and current resource materials on drugs, pornography, gambling, sex education, ecology, and related topics were provided to the Baptist constituency. The writing and channeling of appropriate materials on applied Christianity continued and special resource papers on drugs, pollution, and the urban crises were inserted in the HOME MISSIONS magazine. The Commission's weekly column, "On the Moral Scene", was carried in many of the state Baptist papers. The Christian Life Commission is especially glad to work with Baptist associations and churches in activating Christian Life Committees to maintain a continuing emphasis on Christian social concerns.

With the moral decline and moral permissiveness of our society today, each Christian and each church is called upon to uphold the ethical teachings of our Lord. As this is an election year, it is suggested that the views of candidates for public office be ascertained on such matters as liquor-by-the-drink, abortion, capital punishment, the legalizing of marijuana and other moral issues of our day. And every Christian is urged to pray for a great spiritual awakening.

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Al Andrews, William Sigmon, Murray Tate, Jr.

Having experienced the resignation, due to a church move, of the associational moderator, the executive committee felt the procedure for securing a moderator to

fill the created vacancy was inadequately defined. Upon request from the executive committee, the constitution and by-laws committee recommends the following changes:

BY-LAWS: Article III, Section 1, is amended by adding thereto the following phrase:

HOWEVER, VACANCIES OCCURRING IN THE OFFICE OF MODERATOR OR VICE-MODERATOR BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE FILLED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITHOUT NOMINATION FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

BY-LAWS: Article III, Section 3, is amended by adding the following language: HE SHALL PRESIDE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE MODERATOR.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

James R. Rowles, Jr.

The Association Evangelism Committee has been extremely active this year and will be much more so in 1973.

(1) Association Lay Witnessing Schools will be held October 30 - November 2 at four locations: First, Hickory; First, Newton; West Hickory and Highland. More than 500 persons have signed up to take this training. Sixteen churches are represented. Think of 500 trained witnesses! If your church is not involved and you want the training, contact Miss Cater. This alone should revolutionize the Association.

(2) Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade, April 7-12. Twenty-three churches have agreed to participate in the Crusade. It is unique in that most of the churches will be using Convention staff personnel as their revival speaker.

April 7 will begin the Crusade with a Youth Rally. Raleigh Castelloe, Associate Minister at First Church, Newton, is in charge.

Our work, extensive and detailed as it has been, could not have been possible without the assistance and hard work of Miss Helen Cater.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Miss Helen Cater, Clerk

Four sessions were held by this committee during the year with an average attendance of 27 from 24 churches. Reports were received from the organizations and committees and their reports in this issue contain their activities. Gerald Goodwin moderated the first session, Julian Suggs, the second, B. R. Holbrook, the third, and Roy Beals, the fourth session.

Since the Moderator, Gerald Goodwin had moved to Durham, the Vice-Moderator, Roy Beals, was elected to serve as Moderator. B. R. Holbrook was elected as Vice Moderator. The Constitution & By-Laws committee was asked to bring recommendations to redefine the procedure for securing a Moderator between the annual sessions, since the present By-Laws seemed inadequate.

Other actions taken by the Executive committee are as follows:

- named Al Andrews, B. J. Abernethy and Donald Adams to the newly formed Association Scholarship Foundation.
- decided to participate in Gardner-Webb College Ministerial Education Day on March 26.
- asked the Association Office committee to recommend guidelines for the Promotional Secretary as to vacation schedule, etc.
- approved recommendations from various committees to be presented to the annual session.

Reports of activities in the various churches were given at most of the sessions. A complete copy of the Executive committee MINUTES are on file at the Asso-

ciation office. Also, copies of THE THERON RANKIN NEWS, which is mailed each month to the leadership of the churches and convention, are on file there.

REPORT OF EXTENSION COMMITTEE

B. T. Tucker

This committee had no activities during the year.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

(Representative moved from Association)

The Foreign Mission Board continues to train their new missionaries in a 14-week Orientation period at Calloway Gardens in Georgia.

“Recently, CHRISTIANITY TODAY published a chart which spoke volumes to Southern Baptists. The chart was a graphic presentation of the decline of overseas missionary forces supported by six major Protestant denominations in America from 1958-1971. Within the span of this decade and a half, five of the major denominations decreased missionary forces while Southern Baptists alone advanced.

Missionary advance has always been a blessing to any denomination. Missionary outreach is a sign of vitality in a denomination’s spiritual health. Continued missionary advance and corresponding blessing demands responsible actions and involvement. Southern Baptists must give thanks to the Lord for His blessings and prayerfully and financially support missionary advance in the denomination.

Without a sense of spiritual renewal, missionary decline rather than advance will set in. The leaders of our denomination and pastors must take the lead in continued missions advance. It does not take lay people long to lose enthusiasm and support for ministries that their leaders no longer believe in.”

As of August 1, 1972 the current missionary count of our Foreign Mission Board was 2,518 missionaries in 75 countries.

REPORT ON THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

George F. Hemphill

The directors of the Theron Rankin Association Foundation met several times and organized with the following officers being elected: Chairman - George F. Hemphill; Vice-Chairman - (to be named); Secretary & Treasurer - Rev. Al Andrews.

The cooperation of all churches was requested in selecting a key man from their church to work with the directors. This person was to promote the Foundation and its aim within the home church. He also was requested to find members for the Century Club. FOUR churches responded to this request. We received \$1,309.66 from the Association, from individuals of three churches (First Baptist of Hickory, Highland Baptist and West Hickory Baptist) and from interest. Donations were made by seven individuals within these three churches.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

Mrs. W. B. Duncan

In the course of the Associational year many things happen and so we have had many personnel changes. New pastors and other staff members: FAIRBROOK, Rev. Ervel Jones; WEST HICKORY, Rev. H. Phillip King; HILDEBRAN, FIRST, Dr. Ben Byrd; PROVIDENCE, Rev. Willard L. Jenkins; SANDY RIDGE, Rev. Homer F. Greene; WOODLAWN, Rev. Harold Threatt; FAIRGROVE, Rev. R. M. Heavner; CATAWBA, Rev.

Bill Cook; HICKORY, FIRST, Rev. R. F. Smith, Jr.; CENTRAL, Rev. J. Bruce Walker; NEWTON, FIRST, Minister of Education, Rev. Raleigh Costelloe, Jr.; HIGHLAND, Rev. John Dean, Associate Pastor/Minister of Education. WEST HICKORY, Edgar Lineberger, Minister of Music and Education. CATAWBA, Mrs. Sandy Beatty, Part-time Music Director.

Rev. J. Roy Robinson retired as pastor of HICKORY, FIRST after nine years. He now holds a position at Gardner-Webb College. HICKORY, FIRST licensed Robert Deal and Steve Teague to the Gospel Ministry. EAST FIRST STREET, NEWTON ordained two men, Ted Mace and James H. Steele. STARTOWN ordained Richard Fisher. All three attend Fruitland Bible Institute.

Resignations: Rev. James R. Millsaps of FAIRGROVE; Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., CATAWBA; Rev. Roy Davis, LONGVIEW; Rev. James Bryant, STARTOWN; Mrs. Wade Stamey, part-time Educational Director of HIGHLAND. Eddie Johnson, Director of Music/Youth (part-time) SPRINGS ROAD; Miss Nancy Hildebran, Director Music/Youth, CENTRAL, to attend Southeastern Seminary. Rev. Gerald Goodwin who resigned as Pastor at CENTRAL was currently serving as Moderator of the Association.

CHURCH NEWS - CORINTH purchased a new church bus. SPRINGS ROAD, five and one-half acres of land which they are developing into a Memorial Park cemetery. CALVARY, NEWTON, new pastorium. SANDY RIDGE, new organ and piano, also two acres of land adjacent to property. VIEWMONT, pastor Albert Young, sponsored a tour to Holy Land. Charles Brown, Minister of Music is a member of the "Century-men", a musical group of the SBC Radio & TV Commission. They purchased an air-conditioned bus; sold parsonage; pastor now living in own home. NEWTON, FIRST, bought dwelling for Minister of Education; installed sound system and purchased organ; conducted one-week Mission Day Camp for handicapped children. NORTH NEWTON, purchased bus. WINKLER'S GROVE has a two-bus ministry.

HICKORY, FIRST renovated parsonage; began Youth Coffee House called "Lighthouse". WARLICK'S air-conditioned building; OXFORD broke ground for new Sanctuary and Educational Building. WEST HICKORY, observed 65th Anniversary of Church; renovated homes for Pastor and Minister of Music/Education; purchased cassette players to tape services for shut-ins. PENELOPE, completed repairs on pastorium; started a Day Care Center and made plans for a Kindergarten. VIEWMONT, teaching Sunday School at NurseCare Center and Flynn Christian Home; support missionary to Ajaloun, Jordan. VIEWMONT and HIGHLAND reported debt-free. LAKEVIEW paid indebtedness on additional land.

RECOGNITIONS were as follows: Rev. Albert Young, as Pastor of VIEWMONT for 20 years (given a new automobile); J. Harold Craig, 10th Anniversary as Minister of Music & Education at PENELOPE; Rev. Roy Beals, 9th Anniversary as pastor of HIGHLAND; Rev. W. C. Laney, recognized by the "Biblical Recorder" for 44 years as pastor of BROOKFORD; and the Association Executive Committee recognized Miss Helen Cater for 11 years of service as Promotional Secretary of the Association.

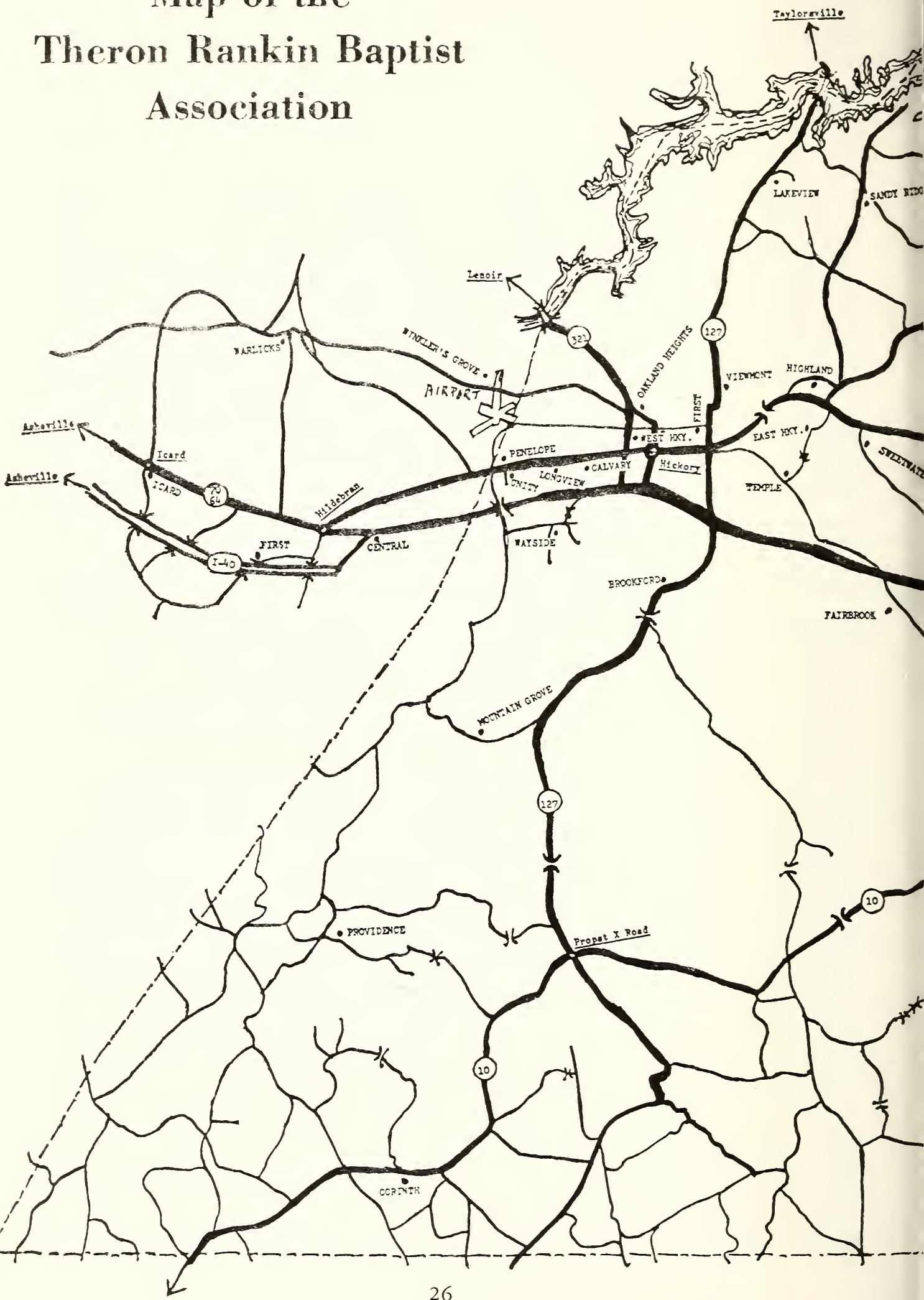
YOUTH - CENTRAL, Youth made a tour of Home Mission Board. HIGHLAND, Youth helped with an Inter-City Mission program for one week in Decatur, Ill.; sponsored by church and Home Mission Board. NEWTON, FIRST, twenty-four young people and leaders attended the Explo 72 in Dallas, Texas.

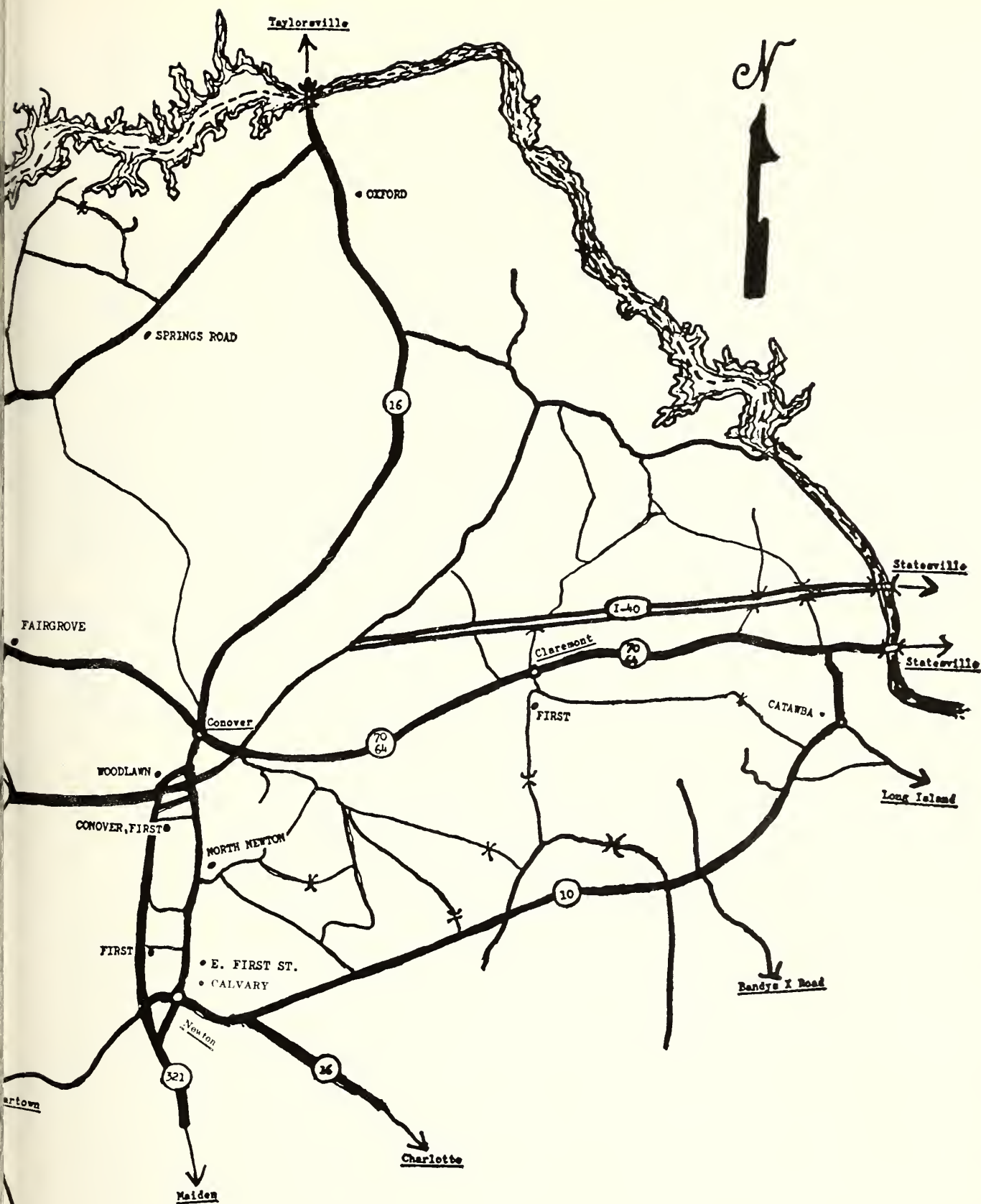
SUMMER YOUTH WORKERS - Rocky Taylor, student at Gardner-Webb, served at NEWTON, FIRST CHURCH. Steve Teague, licensed to preach by HICKORY, FIRST to enter Southern Seminary, served as their summer youth minister. Miss Betsy Wood, NEWTON, FIRST, served two weeks with the Home Mission Board. Dennis White, Gardner-Webb student, served as associate minister at PENELOPE.

The State Convention APOSTOLOI TEAM served this Summer in the churches of our association. Team members were: Jeff Norris, UNC, Chapel; David Butler, Western Carolina University; John Gray, Gardner-Webb; Jennifer Stevens, Mars Hill; Diane Stamey, Appalachian; Celia Tolar, Brevard.

"M" Night was held December 6 at MOUNTAIN GROVE with 358 attending from twenty-five churches (in a heavy rain!). CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL was held at

Map of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association





LEGEND

- CAPITAL LETTERS—Churches
- Little Letters—Towns and Places
- Encircled Figures—Highway Numbers
- Dotted Lines—County Boundary Lines

HICKORY, FIRST in February with thirty-one churches participating and 591 attending. The emphasis was "Music and Missions".

REPORT ON THE HOME MISSION BOARD

R. S. Bolick

The problems of crime, violence, hostility, racial tension, war and economic stress are of great concern in our Home Mission work and to Christians everywhere. Yet, many see a faint hope in the spiritual awakening among youth and the hunger for God among the unsaved who want to know about Him and our personal relationship to Him.

Southern Baptists are doing a great work through the Home Mission Board. We have more than two thousand missionaries with or in connection with the Home Mission Board. Of these, there are approximately nine hundred career missionaries, some seven hundred associational missionaries, and sixty to seventy State Convention staff members. Also, around four hundred pastors are receiving pastoral aid from the Home Mission Board. Two-thirds of all these are jointly supported by State Convention and only one-third are entirely supported by the Home Mission Board. Yet with inflation and the slowdown in giving, our mission work has been somewhat reduced.

Let us not be with our mission work as some church members say when there is work to be done in their local church: "Let the Pastor do it, that's what we pay him for". But rather let each church member get involved in mission work in his or her local church and community. Then we will begin to see the need and support our Mission work in a greater way.

REPORT OF THE N.C. BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

Mrs. Lee Frans

This has been the best year that we have ever had in our 21 years. The Special offering for the Homes and support through the Cooperative Program reflect an encouraging increase. Through these two vital sources, the Homes during the past year derived almost 30% of the total operating budget in the care of the residents and patients, with 20% coming from the offering and 10% through the Cooperative Program. The most significant fact about this support from our Baptist people is that the majority of the residents in the Homes are persons with real financial needs, and these love gifts are used for their care. In fact, these gifts are a life-line to the residents, and they could not be maintained without them. The greatest challenge to our Baptist people is to continue to increase the Special Offering from year to year, and thus keep pace with the needs of the residents who depend so greatly on it.

Our Baptist Homes now operate five resident Homes, with two located in Winston-Salem, and one each in Albemarle, Hamilton and Yanceyville. These Homes have a capacity for 162 residents. In addition, there is a Nursing Care Unit, located in Winston-Salem, with a capacity for 63 patients. In these Homes we specialize in tender loving care and do not know of any place this side of Heaven, and outside of one's home, where a person can receive more compassionate Christian care.

Of great significance during the past year, in May, was the dedication of the York Wing of the Nursing Care Unit. This wing, accomodating 18 additional patients, was completed in November of 1971 and named in honor of Judge and Mrs. William York of Greensboro. He and Mrs. York gave \$80,000.00 for the construction of this new wing, and the additional money needed was raised by the Trustees of the Homes. We are glad that the base of our operation has been broadened to include a ministry to

the aging sick persons.

Ministry to an older person is a direct ministry to Christ and is one of the finest things that North Carolina Baptists are doing. Be glad that you are a Baptist, and be grateful for the part that you are having in making the life of an aging person more abundant and more secure.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee has had no requests for their services this year.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Homer Bradey, Chairman

Clerk	Miss Helen Cater
Treasurer	Frelon W. Broome
Historian	Mrs. W. B. Duncan
Parliamentarian	Donald E. Greene
Trustees ...	M. C. Turbyfill (chmn.), Term expiring 1973; Wilson W. Aultman, Term expiring 1974; M. S. Brittain, Term expiring 1975
Sunday School Director	Walter L. Cooley
Church Training Director	Gary A. Whitener
Woman's Missionary Union Director	Mrs. Rose Wolff
Brotherhood Director	(to be named)
Music Director	Julian S. Suggs, III

STANDING COMMITTEES

- PROGRAM: W. J. Furr, Chmn., Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Bill Denton, Julian Suggs, Host Pastors for 1972 session.
- MEMBERSHIP Bob Hillard, Chmn., Alvin A. Walker, Boyce Dobbins, Homer Bradey, Buddy Whitener
- RESOLUTIONS: R. F. Smith, Jr., Chmn., Mrs. W. J. Furr, Bill Cook, Mrs. H. J. Whitener, J. Bruce Walker
- CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Harvey Laughter, Chmn., Edsel E. Hoyle, Charles Young
- EXTENSION: B. T. Tucker, Jr., Chmn., Raleigh Castelloe, Fritz D. Hemphill, Homer F. Greene, Bobby Langston
- FINANCE: Fred M. Mull, Chmn., Jerry Cox, David L. Stewart, Allan Stafford, Earl L. Melton, J. Perry Abernethy, Frelon Broome, Ex Officio
- PLACE & PREACHER: Paul J. Hopkins, Chmn., Jesse G. Hill, Miss Linda Crawford, Mrs. James A. Matson, Matt L. Hastings
- CHRISTIAN LIFE: Alfred Andrews, Chmn., B. J. Abernethy, John C. Dean, Boyd L. Matheson, V. C. Martin
- ORDINATION: Smoot Baker, Chmn., David Byler, Harold Threatt, Wray Barrett, Fred Thompson
- PUBLICITY: Frank Poovey, Chmn., Miss Janie Ellis, Raymond H. Brown
- EVANGELISM: James R. Rowles, Jr., Chmn., Charles R. Brown, H. Phillip King
- ASSOCIATION OFFICE: Albert A. Young, Chmn., Mrs. Larna Robbins, James E. Britt, Bruce Bishop, B. R. Holbrook
- CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL: J. Harold Craig, Director (Plus the head of each Program organization or their representative)
- ENROLLMENT: V. H. White, Chmn., (Plus three associates from each of the Host Churches)
- SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: Don Adams, Alfred Andrews, George Hemphill

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (Sunday School) B. T. Tucker; (Church Training) Miss Linda Crawford; (WMU) Mrs. James R. Glenn; (Music) to be named; (Brotherhood) to be named; (Pastor/Advisor) to be named

REPORT ON THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Dan L. Waters

When a member of your church or a citizen of your community needs the ministry of North Carolina Baptist Hospital, the Hospital wants to serve. That is its reason for existence, and its forty-nine years of service bear testimony to this.

The distinctiveness of Baptist Hospital's ministry lies not alone in its care for charity patients, but also in the type of service it renders to all its patients, and to many other people throughout our state and nation and around the world.

The quality of direct patient care provided at Baptist Hospital is distinct in at least two respects. First, it is a specialized type of medical care, provided for referral patients who have rare or complicated medical problems. Because of the highly-skilled specialists in almost every area of medicine, and the elaborate equipment available for diagnosis and treatment, we are able to provide the kind of care which is available only in a large medical center. Ours is one of only 108 such medical centers in the United States.

In addition to offering this kind of medical expertise, a second distinctive of our patient care is the Christian concern for the total person with all his needs. This spirit is found among physicians, nurses, aides and other personnel throughout the Center. The Department of Pastoral Care seeks to minister specifically to the spiritual and emotional needs of patients and their families.

The Baptist Hospital provides financial counseling to help its patients make the best possible use of their available resources to cover the cost of their hospital care. Some resources are: (1) Personal Assets and Income; (2) Hospital Insurance; (3) Third Party Sponsorship, a. Vocational Rehabilitation, b. Crippled Children's fund, c. Kidney Program, d. Cancer Section, e. Blind Commission, f. Medicaid, g. Premature Nursery Division, SBH, h. Medicare; (4) The Mother's Day Fund.

Baptist Hospital does continue to serve patients who cannot pay for their hospital care. Even with the tightening of admission policies and procedures, only one person in twelve months - i.e., one in approximately 17,000 applications for admissions - was not helped. In 1971, charitable allowances amounting to \$1,370,000 were issued to patients unable to pay in full. The Mother's Day Offering of \$371,000 helped make this charity work possible.

The hospital takes pride in its record of charitable work, but would like to help our Baptist people to understand that there are other aspects of its work also which justify its existence as an institution of our Convention and make it worthy of the support of our churches.

The operating deficit has been eliminated and the hospital is now operating "in the black".

The new patient tower is now being completed. A two story unit housing the emergency room and out-patient clinic, is scheduled to be completed in 1973. This will conclude the present development program.

"A Medical Center ministering with skill and understanding" is not just a letter-head slogan; it is a goal which Baptist Hospital seriously strives to attain.

REPORT OF THE ORDINATION COMMITTEE

B. R. Holbrook

May we give thanks unto God who continues to call men into His ministry for the purpose that Paul states in Ephesians 4:11, 12, "And He gave some, Apostles; and

some, Prophets; and some, Evangelists; and some, Pastors and Teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

This year He has called three young men as pastors, and it was the committees privilege to set in council, and to recommend their ordination. They were as follows:

Upon the request of Reverend Raymond Brown, Pastor of East First Street Baptist Church, the committee met Saturday afternoon, November 22, to interview Mr. Ted Mace, a member of the church, for the pastoral ministry. The committee was pleased with the young man's answers and recommended that the church continue with his ordination.

On Sunday afternoon following, East First Street ordained Brother Mace; and he became full-time pastor of the Inanda Baptist Church in Asheville.

The committee met Saturday afternoon, January 22, at the Startown Baptist Church upon the request of Pastor J. A. Bryant, to interview Mr. Richard Fisher, a member of this church, for the Pastoral ministry. After much discussion and counselling, the committee recommended his ordination. He was ordained the following Sunday and became associate pastor of the Startown Church.

On the invitation of Pastor Raymond Brown of the East First Street Church, the committee met on Saturday afternoon, February 5, and interviewed Mr. James H. Steele, whose ordination had been requested by the Silver Chapel Baptist Church in Mitchell Association. The committee recommended his ordination. On Sunday evening, February 6, he was ordained and became Pastor of the Silver Creek Church.

REPORT OF PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

James E. Britt

Your Place and Preacher committee received invitations for the Association to meet in 1973: for the morning and afternoon sessions with Providence Church and for the evening with Woodlawn Church. The committee recommends that we accept these invitations and meet with Providence Church for the day sessions, morning and afternoon, and with Woodlawn Church for the evening session.

For preacher, we recommend the Reverend William Jacob Furr, First Baptist Church, Newton to preach the annual sermon. As alternate, we recommend the Reverend Raymond H. Brown, East First Street Church, Newton.

RESOLUTIONS

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father who has blessed us through another associational year, and has permitted us to enjoy this seventeenth annual session of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association, October 19, 1972.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we extend our appreciation to the Highland Baptist Church and her pastor, Rev. Roy Beals, the staff and congregation, who prepared so adequately and warmly for the morning and afternoon sessions; and to the Longview Baptist Church and interim pastor, Rev. E. B. Smith and congregation, for their preparations for the evening session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that expressions of gratitude be made to the program committee for the planning of a fine and inspiring program, also to each person who appeared on the program, both our local people and those from the different areas of our work, for informative reports and inspirational messages.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sincere thanks be expressed to the moderator, Rev. Roy Beals, and all the officers of the association for the able leadership they have rendered throughout the year.

B. V. Chamblee
Mrs. H. J. Whitener
V. C. Martin
Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Chairman

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

(Representative moved from Association)

The churches are on mission to people under the Lordship of Christ - Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8. Churches in a cooperative plan express their mission beyond the local congregation. State Missions is interrelated by planning and financing with associations, the State Convention, Home and Foreign Mission Boards.... is a ministry expressed within the local church in Evangelism, Church Programs, and Stewardship Promotion.... is Christian Social Services expressed through institutions..... is churches expressing a positive interest in Christian Education.

State Missions is a multiplicity of special ministries too big for any one local church. These ministries to areas of need may be altogether supported by State Missions budgeting, or a cooperative budgeting arrangement of the local church, the association, the State Convention, and the Home Mission Board. Such specialized ministries include work at Cherokee and Pembroke, promotion and co-ordination of World Mission Conferences, support of part-time Chaplaincies in several correctional institutions, assistance in witnessing to and enlisting for service Orientals and Spanish speaking people. A specialized ministry to the deaf includes evangelizing, teaching and counselling the deaf.

Also included is a cooperative plan for Seminary extension and a rapidly growing Resort Ministry. Fruitland Baptist Institute is an area of State Missions. Our cities need Baptist Centers and other expressions of Christian social and evangelistic concern. State Missions promotes and supports a virorous ministry in the inner city. State Missions continues a specialized ministry with other races.

State Missions serves the pastor and local church. New churches are encouraged by loans and grants of lot aid. Needy churches are given financial aid until they can become self-supporting. Pastors are directly helped through Annuity supplements.

State Missions is a cooperative ministry by the churches to people who need God and other churches that need help.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Edsel Hoyle, Chmn. F.W. Broome, Treas.

Church	Budget Goal This Year	Amount Received 10/1/71 - 9/30/72	Budget Goal 1972-73
Brookford	\$ 118.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 128.00
Calvary, Hickory	219.00	30.00	199.00
Calvary, Newton	217.00	240.00*	274.00
Catawba	185.00	185.00*	186.00
Central	390.00	250.00	374.00
Claremont, First	97.00	80.00##	113.00
Corinth	244.00	244.00*	260.00
East First Street	324.00	360.00*	350.00
East Hickory	472.00	444.00	492.00
Emmanuel	199.00		294.00
Fairbrook	69.00		85.00
Fairgrove	135.00		145.00
Hickory, First	1,858.00	1,900.00*	1,940.00
Highland	1,052.00	985.99	1,200.00
Hildebran, First	489.00	438.00	469.00
Icard	384.00	200.00	464.00
Lakeview	310.00	295.00	355.00

Longview	244.00	245.00*	256.00
Mountain Grove	360.00	300.00	422.00
Newton, First	764.00	764.00*	747.00
North Newton	433.00	470.00*	515.00
Oakland Heights	97.00	97.00*	104.00
Oxford	74.00	74.00*	95.00
Penelope	1,003.00	823.40	1,016.00
Providence	177.00	180.00*	194.00
Sandy Ridge	421.00	421.00*	388.00
Springs Road	457.00	457.00*	506.00
Startown	166.00	##	183.00
Sweetwater	128.00	136.00*	150.00
Temple	375.00	356.11	402.00
Unity	158.00		153.00
Viewmont	1,185.00	990.00	1,261.00
Warlicks	366.00	240.00	362.00
Wayside	111.00	##	101.00
West Hickory	740.00	726.64	768.00
Winklers Grove	355.00		414.00
Woodlawn	313.00	312.00	363.00
Totals	<u>\$14,689.00</u>	<u>\$12,304.14</u>	<u>\$15,728.00</u>

(The suggested goal is the formula of \$1.00 per resident member plus 1% of total receipts, divided by two. The latest figures available were taken from the 9/30/71 Church Letters. It is hoped that churches already giving more than the suggested amount can continue to do so.)

* Denotes Churches reaching their goal this year.

Indicates that contributions were received after books were closed.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	BUDGET 1971-72	SPEC. RECTS. 1971-72	EXPENSES 1971-72	BUDGET 1972-73
Sunday School	\$ 250.00	\$ 217.25	\$ 361.16	\$ 250.00
Church Training	150.00	-	120.63	150.00
Woman's Missionary Union	350.00	-	350.00	350.00
Brotherhood	100.00	-	-	100.00
Music	100.00	-	16.50	100.00
Printing & Postage	450.00	-	398.80	450.00
Churches entertaining annual meeting	250.00	-	150.00	250.00
BSU, Lenoir Rhyne College	200.00	-	200.00	200.00
Scholarships (two in budget)	600.00	-	600.00	600.00
Minutes	800.00	-	440.65	600.00
Central Training School	1,200.00	51.75	929.55	1,500.00
Evangelism	300.00	-	120.61	1,200.00
Youth Work	500.00	2,560.55	2,879.11	500.00
Salaries	5,400.00	-	5,400.00	5,700.00
Social Security (Ass'n part)	281.00	-	285.96	310.00
Hospital/Life Ins. (Promotional Sec'y)	190.00	-	241.32	300.00
Car Allowance (Promotional Secretary)	300.00	-	300.00	350.00
Convention/Ridgecrest (Prom. Sec'y)	450.00	-	450.00	450.00
Office Utilities	225.00	-	221.51	250.00

Office supplies	500.00	394.16	821.67	500.00
Audio/Visual Aids	300.00	-	259.94	200.00
South Mountain Baptist Camp	350.00	-	350.00	350.00
Office Help	75.00	-	76.26	75.00
Miscellaneous	528.00	77.22	129.55	128.00
Office equipment and maintenance	200.00	-	98.89	225.00
Annuity (Promotional Secretary)	540.00	-	540.00	540.00
Christmas Gift (Promotional Secretary)	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
Totals	<u>\$14,689.00</u>	<u>\$3,300.93</u>	<u>\$15,842.11</u>	<u>\$15,728.00</u>
Life Insurance (designated)		395.77	396.88	
	<u>\$14,689.00</u>	<u>\$3,696.70</u>	<u>\$16,238.99</u>	<u>\$15,728.00</u>

SUMMARY - October 1, 1971 - September 30, 1972

Balance on hand on October 1, 1971		\$2,064.72
Receipts: from the churches	\$12,304.14	
Sale of Supplies	394.16	
Sale of "Good News" Scriptures	33.00	
Credit for old outstanding check	1.50	
Life Insurance (designated)	395.77	
State sales tax refund	43.22	
Central Training School (sale of books)	51.75	
VBS offering	23.25	
VBS supper	192.50	
Apostoloi Team expenses	1,517.55	
Youth Retreat	<u>1,043.00</u>	
Total receipts during this period		\$15,999.84
Total amount to be accounted for during this period		<u>\$18,064.56</u>
Less disbursements (listed herein)		<u>\$16,238.99</u>
Balance on hand on September 30, 1972		\$ 1,825.57

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Savings Certificate at 6% - 2 yrs. demand		\$10,000.00
at First Savings & Loan Association		
Account at 5% - 90 day withdrawal notice	\$ 2,756.38	
Plus Interest on Savings Certificate	450.00	
Plus Dividend this year	147.96	\$ 3,354.34
at Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Association		
Account at 4 1/2% - on demand	\$ 2,842.09	
Plus Interest on Savings Certificate	150.00	
Plus Dividend this year	133.44	\$ 3,125.53
at Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Association		
Total on deposit in three accounts on 9/30/72		\$16,479.87

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

George F. Hemphill

The Trustees only official action this year was to award one Association Scholarship of \$300.00 to Mr. Mike Williams of West Hickory Baptist Church. Mike entered Mars Hill College this Fall to begin his preparation for a life in the ministry. The

trustees requested the executive board to place the money for the second Scholarship in the Theron Rankin Association Foundation for future use. This they did. The trustees had several applications for scholarships but could not award them because the applicants were not going into full-time Christian service. This is a requirement of the Association regarding the two scholarships it awards.

1972 ANNUAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION MEETING

April 18, 1972
Winkler's Grove Baptist Church

The annual session of Theron Rankin Baptist Association Woman's Missionary Union met on April 18 at Winkler's Grove Baptist Church with 21 churches in the Association represented.

Mrs. Grady Stephens, WMU Director at Winkler's Grove, welcomed those attending. The Call to Prayer was led by Mrs. Bob Hillard, praying especially for missionaries with birthdays on that day. Miss Nellie Pruitt sang "His Eye Is on the Sparrow".

Mrs. Rose Wolff, Association WMU director, presided over the business session and recognized the pastors, church staff members and visitors present. Mrs. Ronda Russell, Association WMU secretary, read the minutes which were approved and ordered filed as read.

The following Association officers informed the group of future plans in their particular organization: Mrs. Lindsey Miller, Jr., Baptist Women Director; Mrs. Alfred Andrews, Baptist Young Women Director; Mrs. Larry Penley, Acteens Director; Mrs. Eugene Ledford, Girls in Action Director; Mrs. Linford Bowman, Mission Friends Director.

Mrs. Carl Buchanan introduced Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Stephens, missionaries to Indonesia. Mrs. Stephens described the role of the women in Indonesia and brought out how much more difficult it is to be a housewife in Indonesia than it is here in the States. Rev. Stephens showed slides and described them as they were being shown. They told us of the dress, habits and religions of the people of Indonesia. He described their witness to these people and their reactions. Rev. and Mrs. Stephens are home on furlough in Hildebran at the present time and Rev. Stephens is supply pastor for Bethlehem Baptist Church in Alexander County.

A social hour followed the program.

Mrs. Ronda Russell, secretary

In Memoriam

CALVARY (H) - Mrs. Ruby Willis

CALVARY (N) - Mr. W. A. Watts (Deacon)

CATAWBA - Miss Mamie Frye, Mr. Rex Wagoner

CENTRAL - Mr. Billy Alexander, Mrs. Lila Johnson

CLAREMONT, FIRST - Mrs. John Panther

CORINTH - Mr. Roy Stallings, Mrs. Mattie Snyder, Mrs. Carl Whitworth

EMMANUEL - Mrs. Arlene Rudisill

FAIRBROOK - Rev. Hampton L. Scronce (Pastor)

EAST HICKORY - Mrs. Ivey Keller, Mrs. Retha Piercy Canipe

FIRST, HICKORY - Mr. Howard Steele, Mrs. Lela Pearce, Mrs. B. A. Hudson, Sr., Mr. H. W. Woods, Mrs. H. A. Wise, Mr. O. D. Evans, Mr. H. G. Miller, Mr. Arthur Brown, Mr. Fred Higgins, Mr. F. C. Craig, Mr. William Melton

WEST HICKORY - Mr. C. L. Cline, Mr. J. P. Hoyle, Mr. Clyde Robinson, Mr. L. R. Elrod, Mrs. Will Barkley, Mrs. T. D. Carswell
 HIGHLAND - Mr. Claude Ruff, Mr. Quiency Hawn, Mr. Joe E. Cook, Miss Bessie Bostic, Mrs. Martha Propst, Mrs. F. O. Baker, Mr. Woodrow Johnson, Mrs. A. C. Ogren
 FIRST, HILDEBRAN - Mrs. Ollie Bailey, Mrs. J. L. (Chloe) Bragg, Mr. Everette E. Brittain, Mr. Haywood Page
 LONGVIEW - Mr. Ottis Cook, Mr. Ed Christopher, Mr. Marvin Lail, Mr. Ray Hill
 MOUNTAIN GROVE - Mrs. Jane Stephens, Mrs. Ira Helton, Mr. George Cansler (Deacon)
 FIRST, NEWTON - Miss Mary Catherine Shivers, Mrs. Minna Goodwin, Mr. Roby J. Wilson
 NORTH NEWTON - Mr. McCoy Bolick, Mr. Melvin Cauthen, Sr., Mr. Geter P. Edmonds, Jr., Mrs. Mollie Mauney
 OAKLAND HEIGHTS - Mrs. Minnie Spears
 PENELOPE - Mrs. P. A. Atwood, Mrs. J. A. Walker, Mrs. Monroe Phillips, Ralph A. High, G. S. Robinson, Miss Annie Parsons, Mrs. W. A. Cook, F. L. Turner, Mrs. F. L. Turner, Mrs. John Grady Smith, Mrs. Thomas Lavender
 PROVIDENCE - Mr. Fred Berryhill(Deacon), Mrs. Minnie Young, Miss Bertie Asher-branner
 SANDY RIDGE - Mr. Vernon Houston, Mr. David Walker, Mr. Cam Wilkinson
 STARTOWN - Mr. Emmett Huffman, Mrs. Reba Cline
 SWEETWATER - Mrs. Minnie Cline, Mr. Henry Briggs
 TEMPLE - Mr. G. C. Honeycutt, Mr. Otto Minton
 UNITY - Mrs. Annie Mae Sigmon
 VIEWMONT - Mrs. Morton Jones, Miss Effie Herman, Mr. Don Hatala, Mrs. Roy (Nola) Ellis
 WARLICK'S - Mr. J. E. Thornburg, Mr. Tillman Williams
 WAYSIDE - Mr. Boyd Burgin, Mrs. P. L. Young, Mr. Clarence Epley
 WINKER'S GROVE - Mr. H. C. Camipe, Mr. Arthur Stallings, Mr. Grady Farmer
 WOODLAWN - Mr. Floyd Price

Church Directory

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of the association are contained in Statistical Table A.

FULL TIME ASSISTANT PASTORS, EDUCATIONAL, MUSIC DIRECTORS, ORGANISTS, SECRETARIES

Name	Address	Church	Work
Andrews, Rev. Alfred	354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Ass't Pastor/Youth
Berry, Mrs. Robert	3310 Main Ave. ,NW, Hickory	Penelope	Church Secretary
Berry, Miss Sheila	Box 142, Icard	Icard	Church Secretary
Brown, Charles R.	1246 2nd St., NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Music
Byler, Rev. David O.	354 1st Ave. , NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Music
Castelloe, Rev. Raleigh	First Baptist Ch., Newton	Newton, First	Ass't Pastor/Ed/Youth
Craig, J. Harold	3310 Main Ave. ,NW, Hickory	Penelope	Music/Education

Crawford, Miss Linda	316 W. 21st St., Newton	North Newton	Music/Ed/Youth
Deal, Mrs. Robert	354 1st Ave., NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Organist/Sec'y
Dean, Rev. John C.	828 9th Ave., NE, Hickory	Highland	Ass't Pastor/Educ.
Drum, Mrs. Mack	First Baptist Ch., Newton	Newton, First	Church Secretary
Ellis, Miss Janie	1246 2nd St., NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Church Secretary
Hall, Mrs. Carroll	354 1st Ave., NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Church Secretary
Headrick, Mrs. Paul	316 W. 21st St., Newton	North Newton	Church Secretary
Hill, Jesse G., Jr.	1246 2nd St., NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Education/Youth
Lail, Mrs. Ronald	40 12th St., NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Church Secretary
Lineberger, Edgar L.	40 12th St., NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Music/Education
McNeely, Mrs. William	Box 317, Hildebran	Hildebran, First	Church Secretary
Mull, Mrs. Jan	41 30 Ave. NW, Hickory	Winklers Grove	Church Secretary
O'Brien, Mrs. Earl	Rt. 2, Box 577-D, Hickory	Springs Road	Church Secretary
Robbins, Mrs. Larna	828 9th Ave., NE, Hickory	Highland	Church Secretary
Smith, Mrs. Clyde F.	354 1st Ave., NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Financial Secretary
Stewart, Mrs. Jeneil	Rt. 3, Hickory	Lakeview	Church Secretary
Suggs, Julian S., III	828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Music/Youth
Ward, Mrs. Henry	2095 25 St., NE, Hickory	East Hickory	Church Secretary
Withers, Mrs. Lewis	1246 2nd St., NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Financial Secretary

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP
IN THE CHURCHES OF THE THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Church
Abernethy, Lt. Col. Alfred J. (Ch.), 1809 Dena Dr., San Angelo, Texas 76907		Providence
Andrews, Alfred E., Jr. (AP), 1577 10 St. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601		Hickory, First
Bryant, Wade (I), Box 761, Hickory 28601		Penelope
Byler, David O. (MM), 616 N. Center St., Hickory 28601		Hickory, First
Castelloe, Raleigh (AP), 721 S. College Ave., Newton 28658		Newton, First
Compton, J. D. (R), 1934 11 Ave. SE, Hickory 28601		Hickory, First
Conley, Harry (I), Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612		Longview
Connor, D. S. (R), Rt. 4, Hickory 28601		Providence
Cothern, William (I), Box 1292, Hickory 29601		Penelope
Crump, Zeno (I), Route 7, Hickory 28601		Warlicks
Dean, John C. (AP), 761 23rd Ave., NE, Hickory 28601		Highland
Denton, H. M. (Ch.), Rt. 9, Box 33, Hickory 28601		Highland
Fisher, Richard (PT), Rt. 4, 15 Westside Blvd., Newton 28658		Startown
Gilbert, Frank (I), Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612		Warlicks
Helton, Clyde (I), 36th St. NW, Hickory 28601		Longview
Hemphill, Fritz D. (R), 1221 12th Ave., SW, Hickory 28601		West Hickory
Hicks, Fred (I), Box 434, Hickory 28601		Hickory, First
Lafone, Berry (I), Rt. 2, Box 336, Hickory 28601		Springs Road
Melvin, William E. (I), Rt. 3, Box 763, Hickory 28601		Highland
Minton, Oliver (E), Rt. 1, Granite Falls 28630		Unity
Penley, Dr. Larry (I), Rt. 1, Box 233, Hickory 28601		Mountain Grove
Pollack, John (I), 438 7 Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601		Hickory, First
Price, J. Louis (R), 2820 1st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601		West Hickory
Revels, Albert (I), 424 25th St. SW, Hickory 28601		Longview
Rhodes, Joe C. (I), 105 Ann Avenue, Newton 28658		North Newton
Robinson, Earnest C. (I), Rt. 6, Box 780, Hickory 28601		Sandy Ridge
Sims, Samuel E. (E), 609 5th Ave. SW, Hickory 28601		Hickory, First
Smith, E. B. Jr. (I), Rt. 6, Box 400, Hickory 28601		Highland

Smith, J. Max (I), Box 96, Hildebran 28637 Icard
 Suggs, Julian S., III (MM), 878 8 St. NE, Hickory 28601 Highland
 Walker, Alvin A. (R), Box 876, Newton 28658 Newton, First

LICENSED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES

Name	Address	Church
Brendle, Timothy T., 703 20 St. NW,	Hickory 28601	Viewmont
Buchanan, Bobby, 309 26 St. SW,	Hickory 28601	Wayside
Cook, Eugene, Rt. 7, Box 286,	Hickory 28601	Winklers Grove
Curtis, Harry, Box 27, Rhodhiss	28667	Wayside
Deal, Robert, 616 3rd Ave. NW,	Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Grant, Gregory, Rt. 3, Box 462,	Newton 28658	Emmanuel
Lineberger, Edgar L., 1134 Main Ave. Dr. NW,	Hickory 28601	West Hickory
Robbins, Franklin, Jr., Rt. 3, Box 120-D,	Granite Falls 28630	Highland
Spears, Dan J., Rt. 2, Box 365,	Fletcher 28732	East 1st Street
Teague, Donald, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 136,	Newton 28658	Providence
Teague, Steven, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. 40206		Hickory, First
Williams, Clifford C., Rt. 2, Hendersonville	28739	East 1st Street

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

Church	Name	Address
East 1st Street	Ted S. Mace,	27 Pine Lane, Asheville
East 1st Street	James H. Steele,	Rt. 4, Box 42, Bakersville

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

Church	Name	Address
Hickory, First	Robert Deal,	616 3rd Ave. NW, Hickory
Hickory, First	C. Steven Teague,	616 N. Center St., Hickory
Highland	Ray Camp,	Warren-Wilson College, Swannanoa

MISSIONS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES
 None

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

Church	Mission	Address
Viewmont	NurseCare Center,	220 13 Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601
Woodlawn	Catawba Valley Rest Home,	Conover 28613

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Church	Name	Address
Calvary, Newton	Mrs. Ann Pitman,	33 Pinehurst Lane, Newton
Catawba	Miss Joyce Farmer,	Rt. 2, Catawba
Central	Mrs. Carolyn Vaughan,	Rt. 2, Box 600, Connelly Springs
Corinth	Mrs. C. F. Rudisill,	Rt. 8, Hickory
East 1st Street	Mrs. Wilburn Hooks,	Rt. 2, Box 138-D, Newton

Fairgrove	Mrs. R. D. Benfield, 236 21st St. SE, Hickory
Hickory, First	Mrs. C. Spurgeon Young, 196 23rd St. NW, Hickory
West Hickory	Mrs. Joe Brown, 145 34th St. NW, Hickory
Highland	Mrs. Trinton Hooks, 2121 25 St. Dr. NE, Hickory
Hildebran, First	Miss Ann Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 136, Connelly Springs
Icard	Mrs. Ed Swann, Box 4, Icard
Lakeview	Jeff Reeves, Rt. 6, Box 578, Hickory
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Glenn Herman, Rt. 8, Box 768, Hickory
Newton, First	James E. Britt, 220 Pinehurst Lane, Newton
Penelope	Mrs. James Rowles, 3224 Main Ave. NW, Hickory
Providence	Miss Janice Rudisill, Rt. 1, Box 433, Hickory
Startown	Mrs. Clyde Saunders, Rt. 4, Box 156, Newton
Temple	Miss Janet Brackett, Rt. 3, Box 300, Hickory
Viewmont	Mrs. Lewis Withers, Rt. 6, Box 567, Hickory
Warlicks	Mrs. Jewel Smith, Rt. 1, Valdese
Winklers Grove	Mrs. Darlene Winkler, 718 10 St. Blvd. NW, Hickory
Woodlawn	Mrs. Bob Mize, 610 2 Ave. Pl. NE, Conover

ORGANISTS

Church	Name	Address
Brookford	Mrs. Susan Perkins, 1691 S. Center St., Hickory	
Calvary, Hickory	Mrs. June Marr, Rt. 7, Hickory	
Calvary, Newton	Mrs. Doris Hurky, 214 W. 18th St., Newton	
Catawba	Mrs. Oren Payne, Box 353, Catawba	
Central	Miss Martha Eggers, Box 175, Hildebran	
Claremont, First	Charlie Wike, Rt. 1, Catawba	
Corinth	Mrs. Harold Whitener, 1108 12 St. Dr. SW, Hickory	
East 1st Street	Mrs. Vernon Lyda, 212 Davis Ave., Newton	
Emmanuel	Mrs. Teresa Morgan, Rt. 1, Box 529, Newton	
Fairbrook	Mrs. George Taylor, Rt. 3, Newton	
Fairgrove	Miss Ada Smith, Route 6, Box 400, Hickory	
East Hickory	Mrs. Earl Sudduth, 627 25th St. NW, Hickory	
Hickory, First	Mrs. Robert Deal, 616 3rd Ave. NW, Hickory	
West Hickory	Mrs. Dean Woods, 626 7 Ave. Pl. SE, Hickory	
Highland	Miss Eucella Hamilton, Box 186, Hickory	
Hildebran, First	Mrs. Eugene Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 780, Connelly Springs	
Icard	Mrs. Jim Jacumin, Box A, Icard	
Lakeview	Mrs. Thelma Barnes, 441 28 Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory	
Longview	Mrs. Wayne Newton, 32nd St. SW, Hickory	
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Charles L. Huffman, Rt. 8, Box 758, Hickory	
Newton, First	Mrs. Charles B. Craig, 712 7 Ave. SW, Conover	
North Newton	Miss Susan Keener, 2017 N. College Ave., Newton	
Oakland Heights	Mrs. Carolyn Hass, Rt. 1, Taylorsville	
Oxford	Mrs. Margaret Starnes, Route 1, Claremont	
Penelope	Mrs. Mayo Weaver, Box 1566, Hickory	
Providence	Mrs. Kathleen Brittain, Rt. 4, Box 396, Hickory	
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Shearin Spencer, 1501 17 Ave. NE, Hickory	
Springs Road	Mrs. Steve Fulbright, Rt. 6, Box 643, Hickory	
Startown	Mrs. Emmett Huffman, Box 865, Newton	
Sweetwater	Vanda Buchanan, Newton	
Temple	Mrs. Gene Swanson, Rt. 1, Box 716, Hickory	
Unity	Mary Jo Minton, 2005 8 Ave. NW, Hickory	
Viewmont	Mrs. Dyke Annas, Rt. 10, Box 183, Hickory	

Warlicks	Miss Valerie Hendrix, Rt. 1, Valdese
Wayside	Mrs. Sandra Harsch, Rt. 1, Crest Crt. SE, Hickory
Winklers Grove	Eric Hopkins, Rt. 7, Box 57, Hickory
Woodlawn	Mrs. David Stewart, 413 2 Ave. Pl. NE, Conove.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Church	Name	Address
Catawba	Bob Brooks, Box 373, Catawba	
Central	Mrs. Mary Young, General Delivery, Icard	
East 1st Street	Charles Taylor, 1506 N. Frye, Newton	
East Hickory	Jimmy Huffman, 1330 23 Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory	
West Hickory	Larry K. Rhoney, 2119 4 Ave. NW, Hickory	
Highland	Ted Setzer, 1013 7 St. NE, Hickory	
Icard	Jim Jacumin, Box A, Icard	
Newton, First	Raleigh Castelloe, 721 S. College Ave., Newton	
Oxford	James Church, Rt. 3, Hickory	
Penelope	Don Smith, Rt. 7, Box 81, Hickory	
Springs Road	Wray Barrett, Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory	
Viewmont	William Cook, 786 23 Ave. NE, Hickory	
Warlicks	Louie Fulbright, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	
Winklers Grove	Eugene Cook, Rt. 7, Hickory	

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

Church	Name	Address
Claremont, First	Mrs. Phyllis H. Little, Box 193, Claremont	
East 1st Street	Thad Crump, 2107 N. Stewart Ave., Newton	
East Hickory	Alvin Ward, 976 22 St. NE, Hickory	
Newton, First	Paul Walker, Rt. 3, Box 766, Newton	
Penelope	Louie Baker, Box 1304, Hickory	
Viewmont	Eugene Hall, 2908 4 St. NE, Hickory	
Warlicks	Lewis Hudson, Hildebran	

Historical Table

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First; Hildebran, First	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	V.C. Martin
1957	West Hickory; Mtn. Grove	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	O. Jack Murphy
1958	Viewmont; Providence	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	James Helvey, Jr.
1959	Catawba; Hickory, First	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	B.R. Holbrook
1960	East Hickory; Viewmont	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	Albert A. Young
1961	Penelope	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Matt L. Hastings
1962	Warlick's	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Jack L. Falls
1963	Newton, First; Highland	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	Frank H. Thomas
1964	Hickory, First; Corinth	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	J. Roy Robinson
1965	Hildebran, First; Central	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	James R. Rowles, Jr.
1966	Viewmont; Providence	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	Harold A. Savell
1967	Icard; North Newton	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	Wayne V. Riddle
1968	Catawba; West Hickory	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	L. Vernon Connell
1969	Springs Road; Winklers Grove	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Roy Beals
1970	East Hickory; Lakeview	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Ted L. Starnes
1971	Sweetwater; Penelope	Gerald C. Goodwin	Miss Helen Cater	Harvey Laughter
1972	Highland; Longview	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	Wray G. Barrett

Statistical Tables

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION 1972																		
Association THE RON RANKIN																		
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NORTH CAROLINA																		
Associational Clerk																		
Address		City State Zip Hickory, North Carolina 28601																
354 1st Ave, N.W.		28601																
CHURCHES		PASTORS & ADDRESSES																
Brookford	W. C. Laney, 161 20 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601	1913	Catawba			2						120					28500	
Calvary (H)	D. E. Couch, Sr., 802 3 St. SE, Hickory 28601	1943	Catawba			6			12	9	22	215					103500	
Calvary (N)	Fred E. Thompson, 814 S. Brady Ave., Newton 28658	1952	Catawba			4			7	15	4	210				45000	145000	27175
Catawba	Bill Cook, Box 247, Catawba 28609	1875	Catawba			3	x		8	7	9	123			3	33000	143000	
Central	J. Bruce Walker, Box 1974, Hickory 28601	1961	Burke			7			3	6	19	325			1	27000	202000	5494
Claremont, First	V. C. Martin, Box 507, Claremont 28610	1953	Catawba			3			14	11	13	104				25000	60000	
Corinth	B. R. Holbrook, Rt. 3, Box 26, Vale 28168	1840	Catawba			1			7	7	10	259			3	20500	125000	1000
East First St. (N)	Raymond H. Brown, Box 273, Newton 28658	1951	Catawba			4			14	7	10	301			2	40000	250000	45527
Emmanuel (N)	W. J. Edmondson, Rt. 3, Box 33, Newton 28658	1942	Catawba			4			20	10	13	250			5	21000	100000	7500
Fairbrook	Ervel Jones, Rt. 3, Box 354-D, Newton 28658	1956	Catawba			7			11	5	5	62					15000	
Fairgrove	R. M. Heavner, Rt. 3, Box 334, Hickory 28601	1954	Catawba			7			12	10	16	151			2	25000	70000	36000
Hickory, East	B. T. Tucker, Jr., 122 16 St. SE, Hickory 28601	1940	Catawba			6			14	15	7	374				25000	255000	11000
Hickory, First	R. F. Smith, Jr., 534 2 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	1870	Catawba			5			17	44	79	1184			6	75000	1912200	270000
Hickory, West	H. Phillip King, 1205 Main Ave. Dr. NW, Hickory 28601	1907	Catawba			6			24	32	24	767			5	40000	410000	1700
Highland (H)	Roy Beals, 858 8 St. NE, Hickory 28601	1912	Catawba			6			32	84	60	1082			8	30000	666800	
Hildebran, First	Ben A. Byrd, Jr., Box 317, Hildebran 28637	1888	Burke			3			14	19	8	473			1	20000	239295	
Icard	Harvey Laughter, Box 190, Icard 28666	1918	Burke			3			25	13	5	275			1	30000	275000	16000
Lakeview	Walter Cooley, 423 8 Ave. Dr. NW, Hickory 28601	1969	Catawba			7			22	16	10	314			2		175855	45123
Longview	None	1940	Catawba			6			5		24	256				12000	175000	6826
Mountain Grove	Homer Bradley, Rt. 8, Box 205, Hickory 28601	1881	Catawba			1			20	15	9	405			3	30000	330000	67400
Newton, First	William J. Furr, 122 W. 7 St., Newton 28658	1882	Catawba			4			11	32	25	639			6	44000	760000	22440
Newton, North	Bob H. Hillard, 1826 N. College Ave., Newton	1925	Catawba			4			16	16	85	446			2	16500	305500	43629
Oakland Heights	Larry Winebarger, 106 Haven Dr., Lenoir 28645	1944	Catawba			6			19	13	15	129				32000	32000	
Oxford	Bobby A. Langston, Rt. 1, Box 311-A, Conover 28613	1965	Catawba			1			10	4	4	102			1	5000	28000	60000
Penelope	James R. Rowles, Jr., 3224 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	1888	Catawba			4			28	22	38	842			5	32500	520000	
Providence	Willard L. Jenkins, Rt. 4, Box 376, Hickory 28601	1878	Catawba			1				6	7	149			2	32000	190000	33500
Sandy Ridge	Homer F. Greene, Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory 28601	1944	Catawba			7			6	18	20	302			2	30000	220000	
Springs Road	Wray G. Barrett, Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory 28601	1957	Catawba			7			35	23	18	423			6	12000	300000	119000
Startown	None	1956	Catawba			3			7	12	8	186			1	15000	65000	16703
Sweetwater	Lewis Williams, 609 21 St. SE, Hickory 28601	1954	Catawba			7			5	6		107				30000	80000	27325
Temple	Smoot Baker, 825 8 St. Dr. SE, Hickory 28601	1949	Catawba			6			14	10	23	411			8	15000	249900	80000
Unity	Earl Wilcox, Rt. 1, Box 455, Hudson 28638	1961	Catawba			3			20	7	8	168				93000	30000	15641
Viewmont (H)	Albert A. Young, Rt. 5, Box 615, Hickory 28601	1936	Catawba			7			23	39	57	1004			2	10000	520000	
Warlicks	Matt L. Hastings, Rt. 2, Box 520, Connelly Springs	1854	Burke			1			10	1	8	375				165000	165000	
Wayside	A. Ray Woody, 1014 16 St. SE, Hickory 28601	1954	Catawba			7			12	8	7	82				30000	30000	3983
Winkler's Grove	Paul J. Hopkins, Rt. 7, Box 57, Hickory 28601	1896	Burke			7			15	23	32	375				27500	225000	8000
Woodlawn	Harold L. Threatt, Box 726, Conover 28613	1959	Catawba			4			4	23	12	268			2	15000	193000	40800
TOTALS				35	2	522	589	711	13308	3446	16754	69	86	783000	9657550	1011826		

TABLE B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL				1972
Association				
State	THERON RANKIN			
Associational Sunday School Director	NORTH CAROLINA			
Address	REV. WALTER COOLEY			
	City	State	Zip	
	423 8th Ave. Dr. NW	Hickory N.C.	28601	

CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
Brookford	Mrs. H. F. Wallace, Rt. 1, Box 657, Hickory 28601	7	22	25	24	37				3		118	65				Total V. B. S. enrollment
Calvary (H)	John Asherbranner, 1765 13 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601	15	26	33	16	44	20			5		159	100				Mission V. B. S. enrollment
Calvary (N)	Harold Sronce, Rt. 1, Newton 28658	10	18	51	28	7	38			2		154	100	9	12		Church V. B. S. enrollment
Catawba	John Stewart, Rt. 1, Catawba 28609	10	24	18	8	46	16	7	6	4		139	68				Weekday Bible study enrollment
Central (H)	Hubert Brooks, 28 28 St. NW, Hickory 28601	28	65	38	30	91	15	5		5		277	139				Projects enrollment
Claremont, First	Basil Boggs, Rt. 2, Box 27-B, Newton 28658	15	23	10	11	25				3		87	64	1	50		Bible Study Fellowship enrollment
Corinth	Jack Petty, Rt. 8, Hickory 28601	22	40	37	23	70				6		198	123				Number of Bible Study Fellowship classes
East 1st St. (N)	Wilburn Hooks, Rt. 2, Box 138-D, Newton 28658	27	54	34	12	50	8			4		189	186	1	25	110	School attendance
Emmanuel (N)	Jerry Teague, Rt. 1, Box 446C, Conover 28613	38	13	51	9	29	35			6		181	157				Total ongoing Sunday School enrollment
Fairbrook	Horace Lail, 1203 8 Ave. SE, Hickory 28601	14	22	13	19	13				3		84	50				Enrollment of mission(s) of church
Fairgrove	Paul L. Lail, Rt. 1, Box 5, Conover 28613	14	29	21	18	23			3			111	57	1	10		School enrollment
Hickory, East	Carl Stewart, Rt. 3, Hickory 28601	39	56	73	50	139	40			11		408	186				Average weekly Sunday School attendance
Hickory, First	Tom G. Maxwell, Box 2364, Hickory 28601	104	141	156	96	303	121	12	36	22		991	514	2	40		Mission V. B. S. enrollment
Hickory West	Harold Lail, 153 36 St. NW, Hickory 28601	78	107	127	89	199	99			6		705	321				Church V. B. S. enrollment
Highland (H)	Joe Queen, Rt. 2, Box 862, Hickory 28601	113	194	162	37	287	90	22	13	10		928	473				Weekday Bible study enrollment
Hildebran, First	Ray Childers, Box 467, Hildebran 28637	49	75	48	45	80	39	10	9	4		359	211	1	60	45	Projects enrollment
Icard	J. Max Smith, Box 96, Hildebran 28637	40	55	35	40	55	25	4	8			266	165				Bible conference
Lakeview	Bill G. Sigmon, Rt. 10, Falling Creek, Hickory 28601	33	88	63	11	158	14			5		372	127				Enrollment
Longview	James Hutto, Rt. 2, Granite Falls 28630	23	39	24	19	36	13	6		3		163	106				Number of Bible Study Fellowship classes
Mountain Grove	Martin Frank, Rt. 8, Box 296, Hickory 28601	40	75	57	52	79	29	7	7			353	204				Bible Study Fellowship enrollment
Newton, First	Clyde McGee, 403 N. Spring Ave., Newton 28658	92	102	100	45	150	82	17	18	9		615	271				School attendance
Newton, North	Kenneth Spencer, 417 Mt. Olive Ch. Rd., Newton 28658	68	97	58	73	75	27	21	9	6		434	181				Total ongoing Sunday School enrollment
Oakland Heights	John Brinkley, Rt. 6, Box 254, Hickory 28601	13	23	26	32	21	20			4		124	95				Enrollment of mission(s) of church
Oxford	Kenneth McCray, Rt. 1, Box 681-A, Claremont 28610	19	36	23	22	13	7	1	20	3		144	91				School enrollment
Penelope	J. Harold Craig, 3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	123	145	157	87	251	51	43	26	9		892	436				Average weekly Sunday School attendance
Providence	Gary Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 354, Hickory 28601	13	17	12	23	51	25			3		144	95				Enrollment
Sandy Ridge	Roy D. Killian, 1508 16 St. NE, Hickory 28601	46	63	40	20	30	39			4		242	171				Church V. B. S. enrollment
Springs Road	Ed Roupe, Rt. 9, Box 589, Hickory 28601	47	86	90	19	157	20			3		422	250				Mission V. B. S. enrollment
Startown	Raymond McGee, 512 7 Ave. SW, Conover 28613	20	27	24	28	33	4			2		138	85				Weekday Bible study enrollment
Sweetwater	Paul Russell, Rt. 3, Hickory 28601	16	16	29	22	17	2			2		104	63				Projects enrollment
Temple	Gene Swanson, Rt. 1, Box 716, Hickory 28601	32	68	71	20	146	28			5		370	140				Enrollment
Unity	Gary Minton, 2005 8 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	9	42	29	14	36				2		132	85				Church V. B. S. enrollment
Viewmont	Bruce Ogle, 743 2 St., NE, Hickory 28601	116	155	168	79	309	64	45	22	6		964	386	2	49		Mission V. B. S. enrollment
Warlick's	Carroll Crump, Rt. 7, Hickory 28601	26	36	38	36	122	27			7		292	161				Weekday Bible study enrollment
Wayside	George Brown, Jr., 1060 16 St. SE, Hickory 28601	7	15	19	14	24				3		82	60				Projects enrollment
Winkler's Grove	Allen Willis, Rt. 7, Hickory 28601	48	79	50	10	93	32	34		6		352	200				Enrollment
Woodlawn	W. E. Burton, Jr., Box 743, Conover 28613	37	46	47	35	82	19			5	31	302	176				Church V. B. S. enrollment
TOTALS		1451	2219	2057	1216	3381	1029	234	181	196	31	11995	6362	17	246	173	4763
																	5256

TABLE C TRAINING UNION													1972		61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73		
Association		THERON RANKIN															New Member Orientation		Church Leader Training	Member Training Projects									
State		NORTH CAROLINA																											
Associational Training Union Director		GARY WHITENER																											
Address		City	State	Zip	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES													Completed	Registration	Completed	Registration								
Rt. 4, Box 354		Hickory, North Carolina 28601																											
CHURCHES																													
Brookford	Mrs. Neal Stepp, 1691 S. Center St., Hickory 28601															8	8	10	10	10	12	5		63	28				
Calvary (H)	Tommy Crump, 2515 15 Ave., SW, Hickory 28601															10	7	14		24		3		58	45	1	1		
Calvary (N)	None																												
Catawba	None																												
Central	James Vaughan, Rt. 2, Box 600, Connelly Spgs. 28612															6	26	15	5	30		5		87	38				
Claremont, 1st	Mrs. V. C. Martin, Box 507, Claremont 28610															7	18			19		2		46	32				
Corinth	Mrs. Quentin Whisnant, Rt. 1, Hickory 28601															4	11	14	10	13		3		55	40				
East 1st St. (N)	Larry Travis, 19 N. Davis Ave., Newton 28658															24	30	26	17	31	5	2		135	110	20	20	1	1
Emmanuel (N)	None																18	6	9	8	20	2		63					
Fairbrook	Michael Poteat, 312 9 St. SW, Hickory 28601															3	5	5	6	4	10	2		35	20				
Fairgrove	None																												
Hickory, East	K. N. Houston, Rt. 6, Hickory 28601															16	14	37	18	12	14	4		115	64				
First	G. Fay Fisher, 720 1 Ave., NW, Hickory 28601															18	44	52	23	11		8		156	91	9	9		
West	Elvin E. Cook, Rt. 7, Box 762, Hickory 28601															6	27	57		54	7	4		155	40	25	25		
Highland	John C. Dean, 761 23 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601															8	30	50		35		3		126	85				
Hildebran, 1st	Johnny Childers, Box 467, Hildebran 28637															15	35	15	22	41	10	4		142	71	6	6		
Icard	Melvin Newton, Box 527, Hildebran 28637															18	21	23	6	19		3		90	70	38	38		
Lakeview	None																												
Longview	Mrs. Donald Pruitt, 203 39 St. Pl. SW, Hickory 28601															7	28	17		32		3		87	37				
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Hugh Whitener, Rt. 8, Box 161, Hickory 28601															8	29	28	11	18	4	3		101	61				
Newton, 1st	Jim E. Wilson, 2034 N. Deal Ave., Newton 28658															26	13	38		42		6		125	60				
North	Norman Hursey, Rt. 2, Claremont 28610															4	21	25		14		2		66	31	31	30		
Oakland Hgts.	Lloyd Jones, 2230 1 St. NE, Hickory 28601															15	15	20		30		4		84	60				
Oxford	J. J. Black, Rt. 1, Box 304, Conover 28613															6	24	12		22		2		66	35				
Penelope	Harold Childers, Rt. 2, Box 632, Connelly Spgs. 28612															14	45	67		53		4		183	71				
Providence	Mrs. Harold V. Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 433, Hickory 28601															11	8	7	16	16		7		65	39				
Sandy Ridge	Eugene Bryant, 327 18 St. Pl. SW, Hickory 28601															13	19	17		30	7	4		90	51				
Springs Road	Charles J. Wagner, Rt. 2, Box 568, Hickory 28601															16	23	15	7	16	29	3		109	72				
Startown	Robert Ledford, Rt. 2, Box 34, Newton 28658															2	5	2		12	2	1		24	12				
Sweetwater	Edd Street, Rt. 6, Hickory 28601															11	15	25	8	15	1	1		76	35				
Temple (H)	Mrs. Smoot Baker, 825 8 St. Dr. SE, Hickory 28601															9	20	31	6	27	2	3		98	50				
Unity	None																												
Viewmont	Kenny Joe Crump, 327 14 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601															21	18	34		47		6		126	70	5	3		
Warlick's	Mildred Wycoff, Rt. 2, Connelly Spgs. 28612															10	5	6	10	15	5	3		54	20	6	6		
Wayside	None																												
Winkler's Grove	Betty Brittain, Rt. 7, Box 779, Hickory 28601															8	30	20	10	25		5		98	88				
Woodlawn	Phillip Hancock, 512 3 Ave. NE, Conover 28613															14	17	20	5	10	5	3		74	36				
TOTALS					338	629	708	199	735	133	110		2852	1562	146	138						2	2						

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC										1972				
Association														
THERON RANKIN														
State														
NORTH CAROLINA														
Associational Music Director														
JULIAN SUGGS														
Address														
828 9th Ave, NE														
City														
Hickory														
State														
North Carolina														
Zip														
28601														
CHURCHES														
MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES														
Brookford	Muriel Simpson, 2391 S. Center St., Hickory 28601													
Calvary (H)	John Marr, Rt. 7, Hickory 28601													
Calvary (N)	Mrs. Ann Holsclaw, 1516 N. Deal Ave., Newton 28658													
Catawba	Mrs. Sandra Beatty, Rt. 2, Box 60AA, Statesville 28677													
Central	Benny Johnson, Box 671, Hildebran 28637													
Claremont, First	None													
Corinth	Harold Whitener, 1108 12 St. Dr. SW, Hickory 28601													
East 1st St. (N)	Charles Taylor, 1506 N. Frye, Newton 28658													
Emmanuel (N)	Dillard Morgan, Rt. 1, Box 529, Newton 28658													
Fairbrook	Robin Taylor, Rt. 3, Newton 28658													
Fairgrove	Kenneth Hass, Rt. 2, Box 569KH, Hickory 28601													
Hickory, East	Michael Keziah, 2780 17 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601													
Hickory, First	David O. Byler, 616 N. Center St., Hickory 28601													
Hickory, West	E. L. Lineberger, 1123 Main Ave. Dr. NW, Hickory 28601													
Highland (H)	Julian S. Suggs, 878 8 St. NE, Hickory 28601													
Hildebran, First	Larry Abernethy, Rt. 4, Box 832, Hickory 28601													
Icard	J. Max Smith, Box 96, Hildebran 28637													
Lakeview	Louis Robinson, 533 18 St. NW, Hickory 28601													
Longview	Leonard Tolbert, Box 1632, Hickory 28601													
Mountain Grove	Clarence Roberts, Box 2553, Hickory 28601													
Newton, First	Charles B. Craig, 712 7 Ave., SW, Conover 28613													
Newton, North	Miss Linda Crawford, 316 W. 21 St., Newton 28658													
Oakland Heights	Toni Hass, Rt. 1, Taylorsville 28681													
Oxford	Mrs. Charles Curtis, Rt. 1, Box 304, Conover 28613													
Penelope	J. Harold Craig, 3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory 28601													
Providence	Buddy Whitener, Rt. 8, Box 540, Hickory 28601													
Sandy Ridge	Lloyd Pittman, Box 1286, Hickory 28601													
Springs Road	Ed Hoffman, Rt. 9, Box 858, Hickory 28601													
Startown	Dillon Cannon, Rt. 1, Box 21C, Hickory 28601													
Sweetwater	Frances Clontz, Rt. 3, Hickory 28601													
Temple	Mrs. Smoot Baker, 825 8 St. Dr. SE, Hickory 28601													
Unity	Flay Hollar, Rt. 7, Box 186, Hickory 28601													
Viewmont	Charles R. Brown, Rt. 9, Box 214, Hickory 28601													
Warlick's	Mrs. Vera Knox, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612													
Wayside	Mrs. Ray Woody, 1014 16 St. SE, Hickory 28601													
Winkler's Grove	Willard Cline, Rt. 7, Hickory 28601													
Woodlawn	Carl Pickel, Box 442, Conover 28613													
TOTALS														
	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85		
	Preschool enrollment (5 years and under—not in school)	Children enrollment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	Youth enrollment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	Adult enrollment (18 and over)	General officers enrollment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total church music enrollment	Average weekly church music attendance	Handbell ringers enrollment	Vocal ensemble enrollment	Instrumental ensembles enrollment	Church music study group enrollment		
	3	13	10	30	2		58	25		6	4			
			17	13	1		31	21		2				
			15	22	2		39	18						
	5	15	16	22	4		62	42		9	3			
				15	3		18	10						
			15	20	3		38	20						
	10	45	21	25			101	85						
		7	14	20	4		45							
		10	8	12			30	13						
				15	1		16	8						
	12	10	24	28	62		74	60						
	20	89	68	107	23		346	276	11	27	8			
		32	32	33	19		120	91		4				
	51	76	55	67			268	200		53	6			
		15	4	35	3		57	30						
	8	33	15	28	5		89	70						
		11	22	15			48	26						
		7	9	18			34	20						
				23			23	18						
	15	30	56	43	10		154	116		2				
		11	17	20	1		49	35						
	6	15	15	20	4		60	40			2			
		10	5	9	3		27	15						
	18	65	55	28	10		176	137			35			
		8	7	19	3		37	34						
				30	3		33	25		2				
		12	7	14			33	18						
				12	4		16	12						
			16	22	3		41	35		2				
		12	10	30			52		24	15				
	14	40	37	48	41		180	149						
			10	20	2		32	18			1			
			20	25	4		49	35		34				
			30	35	2		67	55						
	18			20			40	20						
		566	630	943	224		2543	1777	35	156	59	35		

TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION											1972	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100				
Association												1972	Enrolment													Total WMU enrollment				
THERON RANKIN											Number of Organizations																			
State											North Carolina																			
Associational WMU Director											MRS. ROSE W. WOLFF																			
Address											421 First Avenue, NW Hickory North Carolina 28601																			
CHURCHES											WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES																			
Brookford	None																													
Calvary (H)	None																													
Calvary (N)	Mrs. Jerry Lynch, 1206 2 St., SE, Conover 28613										1		2	1			1			5	6	17	7		22	5				
Catawba	Mrs. Locke Rink, Rt. 2, Box 295, Claremont 28610																1			1					15	1				
Central (H)	Martha Eggers, Box 175, Hildebran 28637										1		2	1		1			6	10	24	6	5		15	6				
Claremont, First	Dorothy Boggs, Rt. 2, Claremont 28610										1		1	1			1			4	11	8	4		10	4				
Corinth	Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Rt. 3, Box 26, Vale 28168										1		1	1			1			4	6	9	15		20	3				
East 1st St. (N)	Mrs. A. J. Stafford, 1602 Thomas Ave., Newton 28658										1		2	2			1			6	10	20	15		30	5				
Emmanuel (N)	Mrs. Robert Medlin, Box 95, Conover 28613										1		1	1			1			4	10	12	7		25					
Fairbrook	None										1		1	1			1			4	6	5	6		9	2				
Fairgrove	None										1		2	1			1			3		8	6		4					
Hickory, East	Martha Wright, Fairgrove Park, Newton 28658										1		2	2			1			6	6	12	15		31	2				
Hickory, First	Mrs. C. Van Teague, 615 N. Center St., Hickory 28601										4		6	3		1		1		16	70	53	46	17	203	6	55			
Hickory, West											3		2	1			1			7	22	25	21		38	7				
Highland (H)	Mrs. John C. Dean, 761 12 St. NE, Hickory 28601										1		1	1			1			4	20	42	12		80	8				
Hildebran, First	Mrs. Ray Childers, Box 467, Hildebran 28637										1		2	1		1				5	10	20	20	6	25	5				
Icard	Mrs. Vernon Daugherty, Box 33, Icard 28666										1		2	1			1			5	10	28	14		15	2				
Lakeview	Tullie Hovis, 51 29 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601										1		2	1			1			5	2	25	4		27	3				
Longview	Mrs. Doug Craig, Rt. 1, Connelly Springs 28612										1		1	1			1			4	5	8	10		15	5				
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Charlie Lail, Rt. 8, Box 914, Hickory 28601										1		1	1			1			4	14	36	1		32	5				
Newton, First	Mrs. Bernard Bock, 712 Westside Dr., Newton 28658										2		2	1		1				7	25	29	6	14	72	6				
Newton, North	Mrs. Carl Wilson, 15 Ruth Ave., Newton 28658										1		2	1			1			5	15	9	6		17	6				
Oakland Heights	Shirley Phillips, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612										1		1	1			1			4	8	6	6		20	6				
Oxford	Mrs. Bobby Langston, Rt. 1, Box 311A, Conover 28613													1			1			3		8	6		12	4				
Penelope	Mrs. James Rowles, 3224 Main Ave. NW, Hickory 28601										1		2	2			1			6	10	36	30		57	2				
Providence	Kathleen Brittain, Rt. 4, Box 396, Hickory 28601										2		1	1		1				5	9	5		9	21	3				
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Homer Greene, Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory 28601										1		2	1			1			5	16	15	10		25	7				
Springs Road	Mary Walker, 1511 21 St. NE, Hickory 28601										2		2	1		1				7	21	20	20		16	16				
Startown	Mrs. Eulis Houk, Rt. 1, Box 459, Newton 28658										1		1	1		1				5	3	12	3	5	12	2				
Sweetwater	Linda Russell, Rt. 3, Hickory 28601										1		1	1			1			4	4	4	7	6	9	2				
Temple	Nancy Franklin, 2230 15 St., SW, Hickory 28601										1		1	1			1			4	4	14	5		24	6				
Unity	Mrs. A. W. Annas, 1017 39 St. SW, Hickory 28601																1			1					13	4				
Viewmont (H)	Mrs. Jimmy Greenhill, Rt. 10, Box 164, Hickory 28601										2		2	2			1			7	27	14	13		40	9				
Warlick's	Carolyn Hastings, 1840 4 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601												1	1			1			3		10	8	7	15	4				
Wayside	None																													
Winkler's Grove	Joann Stephens, Rt. 7, Box 113, Hickory 28601										1		2	1		1				6	12	20	16	14	20	6				
Woodlawn	Mrs. Henry Revels, 802 6 Ave. SW, Conover 28613										1		1	1		1				5	13	8	4	8	23	7				
TOTALS											38	52	36	9	34	1	170	385	562	329	100	1012	159	55	2602					

TABLE F BROTHERHOOD									
Association	1972								
THERON RANKIN									
NORTH CAROLINA									
Associational Brotherhood Director									
(TO BE ELECTED)									
Address	City	State	Zip						
CHURCHES				BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES					
Brookford	None								
Calvary (H)	None								
Calvary (N)	Bill Holsclaw, 1516 N. Deal Ave., Newton 28658	14	10						
Catawba	None		5						
Central (H)	Alford Crow, Rt. 2, Box 599-A, Connelly Spgs. 28612	21	10						
Claremont, 1st	John Byles, Rt. 3, Hickory 28601								
Corinth	None	11							
East 1st St. (N)	Clarence Wilson, Rt. 3, Box 365, Newton 28658	18	12						
Emmanuel (N)	Robert Medlin, Box 95, Conover 28613								
Fairbrook	None			7					
Fairgrove	None	4	11						
Hickory, East	Michael Coffey, Colonial Hgts. Hickory 28601	12	10						
First	Dr. J. Thomas Foster, 723 15 Ave., NW, Hickory 28601	26	18						
West	None	6	6						
Highland (H)	Jerry Cates, 1901 12 St. NE, Hickory 28601	29	9						
Hildebran, 1st	B. J. Abernethy, Box 195, Hildebran 28637	12	6						
Icard	James T. Moore, Icard 28666	15	10						
Lakeview	None	14							
Longview	Fred Cochran, 752 8 St. SW, Hickory 28601	17	6						
Mountain Grove	Wesley Caviness, Rt. 8, Box 121, Hickory 28601	20	20						
Newton, First	Bill Mangrum, 825 W. 6 St. Circle, Newton 28658	29	15						
North	Joe Bowman, Rt. 3, Box 369, Hickory 28601	12							
Oakland Hgts.	None								
Oxford	None								
Penelope	Paul Bollinger, Rt. 2, Box 684, Connelly Spgs. 28612	10	15						
Providence	None	12	6						
Sandy Ridge	Ray Starnes, 1430 23 Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory 28601	33	22						
Springs Road	Bill Holland, Rt. 1, Box 145, Conover 28613	10	6						
Startown	Stewart Sigmon, Rt. 1, Box 94, Newton 28658								
Sweetwater	L. P. Patterson, 2146 4 Ave. SE, Hickory 28601	9	2						
Temple	Leon Griffin, Box 1471, Hickory 28601								
Unity	Freddie Kistler, Hwy. 64-70, East, Hickory 28601			8					
Viewmont	Ted Rhynne, 345 14 Ave., NE, Hickory 28601	18	12	2					
Warlick's	Andrew Hastings, 1840 2 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	4	3	5					
Wayside	None								
Winkler's Grove	Ray Horton, 1140 7 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601	19	6	4					
Woodlawn	David Abernathy, 10 Ann Ave., Newton 28658	10	6	4					
TOTALS		385	226	35	454	39	82		1221

TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP																							
Association																							
THERON RANKIN																							
State																							
NORTH CAROLINA																							
Associational Treasurer																							
FRELON W. BROOME																							
Address																							
345 7th Ave. Pl. NW Hickory, North Carolina 28601																							
Zip																							
28601																							
TREASURERS & ADDRESSES																							
CHURCHES																							
CHURCHES	Number of tithe			Budget prom. or emphasis used during the year.			12	13			14	15	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117		
	None	Forward Program	Other	Cooperative Program goal as percent of total budget	Associational missions goal as percent of total budget	Total tithes, all offerings, and special gifts		All other receipts	Total receipts	Money borrowed during the year												Church staff salaries	Money paid out on new construction during the year
Brookford	37					22768				22768					22768			2040					2040
Calvary (H)	20					20922				20922					20922			8499				5947	14446
Calvary (N)	14	x		9	1	33244				33244					33244			39376		30069		39337	14446
Catawba	25			10	1	19848				19848					19848			7013		1988		6278	15279
Central	100			10	7	56131				56131					56131			7855				11149	20222
Claremont, First	29		x	10	1	15298				15298					16434			5317		200		5107	10624
Corinth	40			16.6	1.1	31517				31517					31517			9965		1000		12172	23137
East 1st St. (N)	157		x	13	1	45676				45676					54279		2000	9600		3229		29473	42302
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Sandy Ridge	110			12	1	48003				48003					48003			9704				32684	42388
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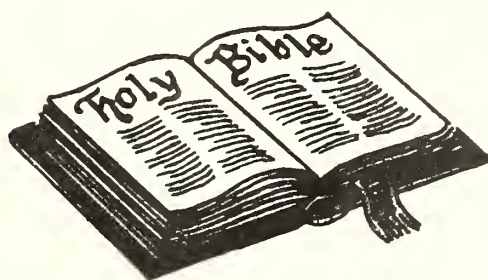
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William J. Furr (1973) member, Place & Preacher Committee, State Convention Newton
Dr. E. Ted Chandler (1974) Trustee, Children's Homes..... Hickory
Mrs. L. P. Frans (1975) Trustee, Gardner-Webb College Newton
Albert A. Young (1975) Board of Directors, Baptist Foundation..... Hickory
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STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAM: Smoot Baker, Chmn., 825 8 St. Dr. SE, Hickory; Bob Hillard, Donald Greene,
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Whitener, Bobby A. Langston, M. J. Upchurch
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Martin, R. S. Bolick, Mrs. Homer Bradey
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FINANCE: C. Van Teague, Chmn., 615 N. Center St., Hickory; Melvin Lockman, Bruce Teague, Cecil Mull, Mrs. Lee J. Greenhill, Miss Elizabeth Robinson, Earl Melton, Auditor; F. W. Broome, Treasurer

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CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL: J. Harold Craig, Director, 3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory; plus the head of each program organization or their representative

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: George F. Hemphill, Earl Roberts, M. C. Turbyfill

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Representative named by each Program organization; plus Pastor/Advisor named by the Moderator

REPRESENTATIVES

American Bible Society..... Larry Phillips, 354 First Ave. NW, Hickory

Annuity Board..... Roy Beals, 828 9th Ave. NE, Hickory

Baptist Hospital..... Glen A. Ramsey, P. O. Box 4006, Hickory

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 Mrs. Larry Penley, Acteens Director. Route 8, Hickory 28601
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 Mrs. James R. Glenn, Baptist Women Director. 1880 6 St. NW, Hickory 28601

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Claremont, First	Franklin Boggs	Claremont 28610
Corinth	Jack Petty	Route 8, Hickory 28601
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West Hickory	Robert Hemphill	Rt. 8, Box 97, Hickory 28601
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Oxford	J. J. Black	Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover 28613
Penelope	Edsel Hoyle	1075 16 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601
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IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, children's home, state or convention-wide agency or board within its borders.
2. There is no WMU, Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood or Music meeting during the sessions of our association. All these organizations meet at some other time. No minutes of their meetings were furnished the clerk for publication. Information on their work can be found in their reports to this body.
3. The calendar of activities of the association is being issued separately from this issue of the Annual.
4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of the Association and bear the name of the chairman only.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

- BROOKFORD (4): Mrs. Dorothy Hefner, Mrs. Clyde Hilton
CALVARY (H) (5): Rev. D. E. Couch, Sr. Pastor, Marshall Fulbright, Troy Isenhour
CALVARY (N) (5): Rev. Fred Thompson, Pastor, M. L. Adair, Miss Grace Boone, Mrs. J. L. Pate, Mrs. Fred E. Thompson
CATAWBA (4): Miss Edna Danner, Miss Susie Danner, Mrs. Tom Danner, Mrs. Allen Oxford
CENTRAL (6): Rev. J. Bruce Walker, Pastor, Alford Crow, Jim Hutto, Andy Stephens, James B. Vaughan, Carolyn Vaughan
CLAREMONT, FIRST(3): Rev. V. C. Martin, Pastor, Franklin Boggs, James A. Pierce
CORINTH (6): Rev. B. R. Holbrook, Pastor, Mrs. Braskie Brown, Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, C. F. Rudisill, Mrs. C. F. Rudisill, Miss Velma Stallings (16 visitors)
EAST FIRST STREET (5): Rev. Raymond H. Brown, Pastor, Mrs. Regina Hass, Beatrice Lyda, Horace Mace, Mrs. Horace Mace (1 visitor)
FAIRBROOK (3): None
FAIRGROVE (4): None
HICKORY, EAST (7): Rev. Joe D. Coltrane, Pastor, Mrs. Bessie Canipe, Lois Canipe, Mrs. Joe Coltrane, Mrs. Joe Franklin, Mrs. Celia Friar, Mrs. Lindsay Miller, Jr. (1 visitor)
HICKORY, FIRST (18): Rev. R. F. Smith, Jr., Pastor, Edna Abernathy, Frelon Broome, David Byler, B. V. Chamblee, Fred M. Mull, Mrs. Fred M. Mull, Larry Phillips, Mrs. Jesse Pope, Monroe M. Teague, Van Teague, Mrs. C. Van Teague, Mrs. Fred Walters, Mrs. Rose Wolff (1 visitor)
HICKORY, WEST (12): Rev. H. Phillip King, Pastor, Miss Helen Cater, Mrs. H. Phillip King, A. E. Gabbard, Mrs. A. E. Gabbard, Rev. J. Louis Price, Mrs. Lula Stallings
HIGHLAND (16): John Dean, Mrs. Vida Buchanan, W. B. Duncan, Mrs. W. B. Duncan, Mrs. W. E. Herndon, Mrs. Jerry Kale, Mrs. Larna Robbins, Julian Suggs, V. H. White, Mrs. V. H. White
HILDEBRAN, FIRST (8): Dr. Ben Byrd, Jr., Pastor, J. P. Abernethy, Mrs. J. P. Abernethy, Maudie Abernethy, Mrs. Raymond Burns, Mrs. Ben A. Byrd, Jr., Mrs. Virgil Mosteller, Mrs. J. J. Temple
ICARD (5): Rev. Harvey Laughter, Pastor, John Church, James T. Moore, Mrs. Melvin Newton, Mrs. Roy Simpson
LAKEVIEW (6): Rev. Walter Cooley, Pastor
LONGVIEW (5): Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., Pastor, Julius J. Cook, Mrs. Fred Crump, Sr., L. R. Tolbert, Mrs. L. R. Tolbert (3 visitors)
MOUNTAIN GROVE (7): Rev. Homer E. Bradey, Pastor, Mrs. Homer Bradey, Mrs. R.K. Hildebran, Mary Huffman, Mrs. A.M. Whitener, Mrs. H. J. Whitener, Mrs. W. H. Whitener
NEWTON, FIRST (10): Rev. William J. Furr, Pastor, James E. Britt, Mrs. James E. Britt, Raleigh Castelloe, Charles B. Craig, Mrs. Charles B. Craig, Roy W. Drum, Mrs. Bartow Hilton, J. A. Matson, Alvin A. Walker, (2 visitors)
NORTH NEWTON (7): Rev. Bob Hillard, Pastor, Mrs. Wade Bandy, Miss Linda Crawford, Joe C. Rhodes, Jerrel Stewart, Tony Upchurch, Mrs. Fred Whisnant (2 visitors)
OXFORD (3): None
PENELOPE (13): Rev. James R. Rowles, Jr., Pastor, Harold Craig

PROVIDENCE (4): Rev. W. L. Jenkins, Pastor, Yates Abernethy, M. S. Brittain, Gladys Cline (23 visitors)
SANDY RIDGE (7): Rev. Homer F. Greene, Pastor, Bertha Abernethy, Emma Edwards, Mrs. Hal Owens
SPRINGS ROAD (7): Rev. Wray G. Barrett, Pastor, Mrs. Wray Barrett, Mrs. Betty Roark, Bonnie Worf
STARTOWN (5): Rev. I. D. Phillips, Pastor, W. R. Crouch, Mrs. W. R. Crouch, Mrs. I. D. Phillips
SWEETWATER (3): Mrs. Vanda Buchanan, Mrs. Earleen Lingerfelt, Mrs. Linda Roberts (1 visitor)
TEMPLE (7): Dr. Smoot Baker, Pastor, Gene Lawhorne, Mrs. Pauline Moore, Cecil Mull, Ransom Reinhardt, J. D. Stephens, Mrs. A. C. Woody (2 visitors)
UNITY (3): Rev. Wilborn H. Merck, Pastor
VIEWMONT (15): Rev. Albert A. Young, Pastor, Charles Brown, Mrs. Pauline Good, Jesse Hill, Mrs. Chasta Lineberger, Frank Poovey, Mrs. Ted Rhyne
WARLICK'S (7): Rev. Matt Hastings, Pastor, Mrs. A. A. Crump, Mrs. Matt Hastings, Mrs. George Knox, Mrs. Clayton Martin, Mrs. Avery Orders
WAYSIDE (3): Edith Cook, Martha Hice, Bonnie Webb (1 visitor)
WINKLER'S GROVE (8): None
WOODLAWN (5): Rev. Harold L. Threatt, Pastor, D. M. Brunson, Mrs. D. M. Brunson, Mrs. Mary G. Easterling, Mrs. David L. Stewart (5 visitors)

Visitors from outside the Association—17

Constitution

Adopted October 25, 1956

Article I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objectives of the association.

Article V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of

member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 2. Special meetings of the association and/or the executive committee may be called upon request of any officer or committee of the association, or upon petition of a majority of the members of the executive committee, or like number of messengers to the past regular association meeting, provided that the intended purpose of the special business be stated in the announcement which shall be sent to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organization, i.e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

Article VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Director of Music, three Trustees, Publicity Chairman, Parliamentarian and Central Training School Director.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time, Place and Preacher, Christian Life, Evangelism, Constitution and By-Laws, Ordination, Enrollment, Associational Office and Central Training School Committee.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented to the churches in writing prior to May 1 preceding the annual meeting.

By-Laws

Article I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals, and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

Article II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and/or Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with the exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Article III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee. However, vacancies occurring in the office of Moderator or Vice-Moderator between meetings of the Association shall be filled by the Executive Committee without nominations from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation, counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the second successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator. He shall preside in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify member churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings of their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal documents as directed by the association and/or the Executive Committee. They shall have the power under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property, both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administer the Scholarship fund. Their terms of office shall be for three years, with one trustee rotating off each year.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Section 10. The Publicity Chairman shall promote, through all available advertising media, all association activities.

Section 11. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Moderator, or other presiding officer, on any question of parliamentary procedure.

Section 12. The Central Training School Director shall in consultation with the Central Training School Committee establish the time, place and curriculum, special emphasis, special programs, and guest speakers for the Central Training School of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All Standing Committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committee, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the Association organizations; Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union and Music. These shall be selected by their respective organizations by May 1st of each year and their names submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and recommendation to the annual meeting of the Association. This does not preclude nominations from the floor. The Moderator will appoint a pastor advisor to work with the committee. Members of the Nominating Committee may not succeed themselves for a period of one year.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, the Pastor and one layman from each church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES: The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Tuesday following the third Sunday of the second month of each quarter. It shall make such recommendations at the annual meeting or special meetings as it shall consider to the best interest of the work. It shall make an annual report of its proceedings to the association which shall be included in the minutes of the association. It shall conduct the business of the association between the annual session, provided that no matter be initiated which is contrary to the prescribed policy of the association as set forth in the proceedings of its meetings. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association. It shall be empowered to elect such temporary committees as are necessary to effectively carry out the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers and the standing committees of the association, with the exception of the executive and nominating committees, and suggest the representative to the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. No person shall be nominated by the nominating committee for more than one elective office.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of six members. The Association Treasurer is ex-officio member of this committee. The committee is charged with the promotion of stewardship in the association. It will publicize widely and promote the various financial needs of the various phases of the Southern Baptist Convention's program at home and abroad. It shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget. The proposed budget and financial plans will be submitted to the churches for consideration fifty (50) days prior to the annual meeting. The committee shall audit the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting of the Association. The committee shall divide itself into two sub-committees of Stewardship and Auditing, in order to perform the duties set forth in this section of the By-Laws.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizens' Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Section 11. The Evangelism Committee shall consist of three members. It shall, under the direction of the executive committee, plan, promote and coordinate all association evangelistic activities.

Section 12. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five members. It shall, upon invitation of a member church and by direction of the moderator, assist in preparing and conducting the ordination services of candidates for the ministry.

Section 13. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws shall consist of three members. It shall review all proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations to the association as to their adoption or rejection. It shall, from time to time, submit such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws which it deems pertinent to the proper functioning of the association, its committees and organizations.

Section 14. The Enrollment Committee shall consist of a Chairman selected by the Nominating Committee and three associates from each of the host churches. This committee shall register the duly elected messengers to the annual meeting of the association, distinguished guests, etc. They shall provide each messenger with copies of the program and the book of reports. They shall provide for the care and comfort of the guests and messengers by advising them of the various facilities.

ties of the host church and location thereof. They shall provide for the notification of pastors, messengers and guests of emergency calls. They shall assist the Moderator and the Association Clerk as requested by them.

Section 15. The Association Office Committee shall consist of five members. It is responsible for the general oversight and supervision of the operation of the Association Office consistent with acceptable office practices. It shall prescribe the duties of the Promotional Secretary through a comprehensive job description. It shall make recommendations to the Finance Committee with reference to salary, expense account, retirement plans, hospitalization insurance, convention and assembly expense, vacation and related items of the Promotional Secretary of the Association. It shall recommend to the Finance Committee an office expense budget each year. It shall be responsible for the procurement of proper office equipment deemed needful for the efficient operation of the Association Office. It shall serve to mediate any misunderstanding which may arise between the churches and the Promotional Secretary, and likewise to assist the Promotional Secretary in his/her relationships with the churches of the Association. All matters related to the operation and functions of the Association Office will be referred to this committee for study and recommendation.

Section 16. The Central Training School Committee shall consist of the Central Training School Director, the Association Sunday School Superintendent, the Association Training Union Director, the Association WMU Director, the Association Brotherhood Director and the Association Music Director or their representative. This committee shall develop a comprehensive and progressive training school program embracing the main areas of religious education. They shall determine the curriculum of the annual training school, select the areas of special emphasis, select guest speakers and arrange for their care and comfort as guests of the association, arrange for general and special programs and features, as well as select the time and the location of the annual school and the members of the faculty thereof. They shall submit a budget estimate for the operation of the school to the Finance Committee for consideration and inclusion in the annual association budget. All matters related to the operation, function, scope and mission of the Central Training School will be referred to this committee for study and final recommended action to the association.

Article V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days' notice has been given to each of the member churches.

Proceedings

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION THURSDAY MORNING Providence Baptist Church October 25, 1973

1. The Eighteenth annual session began with singing the Hymn, "To God Be the Glory", with Julian Suggs leading. Accompanists were Mrs. Marshall Brittain, organist, and Mrs. Buddy Whitener, pianist, from Providence Church. Rev. J. Bruce Walker from Central Church read Scripture from Isaiah 55 and led in prayer. A quartet, David Byler, Julian Suggs, Harold Craig and Charles Brown, Ministers of Music, sang "Take My Life and Let It Be" and "Children of the Heavenly Father".

2. The Vice-Moderator, Rev. B. R. Holbrook, called the session to order. The Moderator, Rev. Roy Beals, was unable to be present because of illness. On motion by Rev. William J. Furr, chairman of the Program Committee, the printed program was accepted as the order of the day with necessary changes.

Program

THURSDAY MORNING—OCTOBER 25

Providence Baptist Church

- 9:30 Hymn—"To God Be the Glory" No. 41
Julian Suggs, leading
Scripture and Prayer
Special Music Rev. J. Bruce Walker
Ministers of Music Quartet
- 9:40 ORGANIZATION OF SESSION
Constitution of Eighteenth Annual Session
Adoption of Order of Business Rev. W. J. Furr
Welcome Rev. Willard L. Jenkins
Introduction of New Pastors and Staff Members Rev. Walter Cooley
Recognition of Visitors
Report of Registration
- 9:55 Hymn—"All Hail the Power" No. 132
David O. Byler, leading
- 10:00 COMMITTEE AND ORGANIZATION REPORTS
Nominating Committee Sunday School
Central Training School Church Training
Finance Committee Woman's Missionary Union
Trustees Music
Evangelism
- 10:30 Message in Song Ministers of Music Quartet
10:35 State Convention Representative Harry Clarke
- 11:05 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
Place & Preacher Committee Jesse Hill
Election of Officers
Other Business
- 11:30 WORSHIP
Hymn—"Blessed Be the Name" No. 140
Charles Craig, leading
Scripture and Prayer Rev. Raymond Brown
Special Music First Baptist Church, Newton
Sermon Rev. William J. Furr
Blessing & Benediction Rev. Kenneth Faulkenbury
- 12:15 LUNCH

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—OCTOBER 25

Providence Baptist Church

- 1:15 Hymn—"To the Work" No. 435
Miss Linda Crawford, leading
Scripture and Prayer Rev. I. D. Phillips
- 1:25 BAPTIST WORK IN NORTH CAROLINA
Rev. Woodrow Hill of THE BIBLICAL RECORDER
Dr. Budd E. Smith of Wingate College
Mr. Coy Privette of The Christian Action League
Dr. Mahon Siler of the N. C. Baptist Hospital
- 2:30 Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 99
Miss Crawford, leading
- 2:35 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS
2:45 MEMORIAL SERVICE Rev. Alvin A. Walker
3:00 Benediction Rev. Joe Coltrane

THURSDAY EVENING—OCTOBER 25
Woodlawn Baptist Church

7:30 Hymn "Amazing Grace"

No. 188

Carl Pickel, leading
Rev. Larry Phillips
Rev. Harold Threatt

Scripture and Prayer
Welcome
Miscellaneous Business
Resolutions Committee Report

7:45 WORSHIP SERVICE

Led by Mr. and Mrs. Sindey C. Reber of the Foreign Mission Board of Richmond, Virginia

8:30 Benediction

Rev. Wilborn Merck

3. The Host Pastor, Rev. W. L. Jenkins, extended a cordial welcome to the messengers and visitors.

4. Rev. Walter Cooley welcomed these new pastors, staff members and their wives who have come since the last session: Rev. and Mrs. Joe Coltrane, East Hickory; Rev. and Mrs. Glen Ramsey, Longview; Rev. and Mrs. I. D. Phillips, Startown; Rev. Wilbron Merck, Unity; Rev. Larry Phillips, Associate, First, Hickory. Absent were: Rev. and Mrs. Richard Fisher, Fairgrove; Rev. and Mrs. Jason Stilwell, Wayside and Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Faulkenbury, Winkler's Grove.

5. Mr. Holbrook recognized visitors from outside the association with Parks Harris from South Fork Association being present.

6. V. H. White, registrar, reported 142 messengers and 17 visitors (total 159) had registered from 27 churches.

7. David Byler led in singing "All Hail the Power".

8. Miss Linda Crawford, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented their report (as contained in this issue). These were elected.

9. Harold Craig, Director of Central Training School, distributed a brochure on the World Mission Conference being held February 10-14, 1974 which included a form for requesting a missionary speaker on Sunday morning. Eight Foreign, eight Home and four State missionaries will be with us for this conference.

10. Fred Mull, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the proposed budget, amount \$16,359.00, which was adopted as printed in this issue.

F. W. Broome, Treasurer, reviewed the financial condition of the past year.

11. James R. Rowles, chairman of Evangelism, reported on the Lay Evangelism Schools, Revival Crusade, and Billy Graham film, "A Time To Run", held during the year. Details are contained in the Evangelism report.

12. Walter Cooley, retiring Sunday School director, spoke briefly on this work.

13. Gary Whitener, Church Training director, reported on their activities and announced that Rev. R. F. Smith, Jr. will be the speaker at "M" Night service on November 26 at Highland Church.

14. The Woman's Missionary Union representative was not present.

15. Julian Suggs, retiring Music director, reported on Music activities and announced a music conference on January 28 at Providence Church. Four churches will join in presenting the missionary cantata, "To Tell the Untold" during the World Missions Conference.

16. The quartet sang "I Want To Be Ready" and "Near To the Heart of God".

17. Mr. Furr presented Rev. Harry Clarke, associate in the State Sunday School Department, and representing the State Convention, who spoke on our cooperative work.

18. Jesse Hill, acting chairman of the Place and Preacher Committee, presented their recommendations which were adopted as follows: 1974 session to meet with Sandy Ridge Church for the morning and afternoon sessions and with the Temple Church for the evening session. Rev. Harold Threatt will preach the annual sermon with Rev. Homer Bradey as alternate.

19. On motion from the floor, Rev. William J. Furr was elected Moderator and Rev. Walter Cooley was elected Vice-Moderator by acclamation.

20. On motion by Bob Hillard, chairman of the Membership Committee, their report was adopted as printed. Attention was called to the withdrawal of the Oakland Heights Church from the Association.

21. During the miscellaneous business, H. Phillip King stated that in October the Baptist Pastors voted to express their opposition to the Liquor-by-the-Drink vote. He presented the following statement which was adopted:

"Be it Resolved that the Theron Rankin Baptist Association in annual session on Thursday, October 25, 1973, with the Baptist Pastors Conference affirm our stand against Liquor-by-the-Drink and that we urge every person to vote "No" on the November 6 referendum and to support the Catawba County Christian Action League in its actions with both financial and spiritual actions. Moreover, we request that an offering be taken today for this support."

22. Mr. White reported 145 messengers and 35 visitors (total 180) registered from 31 churches.

23. Rev. Furr, chairman of the Catawba County Christian Action League, expressed thanks for the good support from the Baptists in Catawba County against the LBD issue. The County CAL has received over \$4,000.00.

24. R. F. Smith, Jr., chairman of the Resolutions Committee, called a meeting of his committee at 1:00 p. m.

25. Mr. Holbrook recommended the film, "The Devils Cup" for use on the LBD issue.

26. Wray Barrett asked that we take the offering now instead of waiting until the evening session. On motion by Homer Bradley and seconded by Mr. Barrett, we decided to take an offering now for the CAL. (An offering was also taken at the evening session and the total amount is entered in the evening proceedings.)

27. Harold Craig led in singing "Showers Of Blessings".

28. Following the suggestion by Harold Threatt for a season of prayer for our Country and leadership and also the Middle East during this extreme stress, prayer was observed at the close of the miscellaneous business period.

29. The Worship period began with singing the Hymn, "Blessed Be the Name", with Charles Craig leading. Rev. Raymond Brown read Scripture from Acts 4:13-22, 31 and led in prayer. Mr. Craig sang "Here Is My Life" accompanied by Mrs. Craig. Mr. Furr brought the annual sermon on the subject, "The Business of the Church". Rev. Dexter Couch led in the blessing prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 25

Providence Baptist Church

30. Miss Linda Crawford led in singing the Hymn, "To the Work". Rev. I. D. Phillips, pastor of Startown Church, read Scripture from Matthew 9 and led in prayer.

31. Parker McLendon from the Children's Homes was recognized and asked to share in the program on Baptist work in North Carolina.

32. H. Phillip King, Association Baptist Hospital representative, presented Dr. Mahon Siler from the Department of Pastoral Care of the Baptist Hospital who spoke on the work of the Hospital.

33. Rev. Woodrow Hill from the BIBLICAL RECORDER staff, spoke concerning Christian Literature.

34. Rev. Furr recognized Harry Sherwood, Dean of Men at Wingate College and presented Dr. Budd Smith, president of Wingate College, who spoke on Christian Education.

35. Mr. McLendon spoke on the Children's Homes, giving plans to begin emergency care units.

36. Rev. Coy Privette, president of the N. C. Christian Action League, spoke in his usual enthusiastic way on the LBD issue.

37. Miss Crawford led in singing "When I Survey". Mr. White reported 146 messengers and 41 visitors (total 187) from 31 churches have registered.

38. During the miscellaneous business period Dr. Smoot Baker, chairman of the Ordination Committee, asked permission to add to his report that his committee, on last week, had examined Michael Sigmon from Penelope Church who is a third year student at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and recommended his ordination. They assisted in his ordination on October 21 at Penelope Church.

39. Rev. Alvin Walker led the memorial service for the deceased members of the churches during the year.

40. Mrs. Holbrook urged those present to hear Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Reber at the evening session at Woodlawn Church.

41. Rev. Joe Coltrane, pastor of East Hickory Church, led in prayer.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 25

Woodlawn Baptist Church

42. The evening service was begun with silent prayer remembering the Moderator, Rev. Roy Beals, who is ill. Carl Pickel led in singing "Amazing Grace". Rev. Larry Phillips, associate Minister of First Church, Hickory, read Scripture from Ephesians 4 and led in prayer. Harold Threatt,

host pastor, extended a cordial welcome to the messengers and visitors.

43. During the miscellaneous business session Mr. White reported new registration of 19 messengers and 34 visitors. Mr. Holbrook recognized Dr. and Mrs. J. Roy Robinson from Gardner-Webb College.

44. Rev. Furr, chairman of the Christian Action League, led in taking the offering of this cause. The total offering taken amounted to \$123.12. David L. Stewart, layman from Woodlawn Church, led in prayer.

45. R. F. Smith, Jr., chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented their report which was adopted as contained in this issue.

46. Mr. Holbrook, in behalf of the out-going Moderator, Roy Beals, presented the gavel to the new Moderator, Mr. Furr, who presided over the remainder of the service.

47. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Reber, staff members of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, who also served six years in Singapore as Missionary associates, were presented by Mr. Furr. Mr. Reber gave some Foreign Mission highlights, told of some of their experiences in Singapore and presented a concert of sacred music accompanied by Mrs. Reber at the piano. This proved to be a very fitting climax to a very successful day. Rev. Wilborn Merck, pastor of the Unity Church, led the closing prayer.

48. The total registration for the day was 165 messengers and 75 visitors, a total of 240 persons, from 31 churches. Fairbrook, Fairgrove, Oxford and Winkler's Grove Churches were not represented.

The weather was clear and balmy throughout the entire session.

REPORT OF AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Mrs. Bernard Bock

The American Bible Society and the Southern Baptist Convention work together in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. To give Christ to people around the world is a tremendous challenge, one that calls for the widest possible distribution of the Scriptures. The sole purpose of the Bible Societies is to make God's Word available to all men everywhere in a language and form they can easily read and understand and at a price they can afford.

To fulfill this urgent need, the Bible Societies have developed a program around the theme: "Let the Word Speak". Graded Scriptures are being designed on five progressive reading levels in an effort to meet the needs of all readers. In addition the Bible Societies are translating Scriptures into understandable, everyday language, such as "Good News for Modern Man", and the New Testament in Today's English Version.

At the present time, nearly 97% of the world's people can secure at least a portion (a single Book of the Bible) in their own language. Approximately 3,000 translators are presently at work on some 600 new translations and revisions. All translations are being made from the original Greek.

Southern Baptists have long considered the American Bible Society an essential part of their worldwide mission program and support it as such. Through gifts to the American Bible Society, Southern Baptist Churches show their deep and continued interest in providing the Word of God for people everywhere in their native tongue.

During the past six years Southern Baptists have led all other U. S. denominations in their gifts to the American Bible Society. Southern Baptists can continue to lead if EVERY CHURCH will contribute. Some of the churches in the Theron Rankin Association give annually to this great need. If your church is not a regular contributor, won't you make it your challenge for 1974? This is one way of stretching our local witness into a worldwide effort.

REPORT ON ANNUITY BOARD

(prepared by the Annuity Board)

The Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention this year added new benefits or increased benefits for most active and retired pastors, church staff members and denominational workers it serves.

For annuitants on the roll December 31, 1972, income checks have been permanently increased by 6 per cent. Just before Christmas, 1972, more than 7,000 annuitants received "13th checks" amounting to the size of two extra months' benefits. The "13th Checks" are paid in addition to the regular monthly payments.

Participants in Plans A-10, A-11 and A-25 on January 1, 1973 had their accrued credits increased by 10% in "good experience credit", and Plan B participants received an additional interest credit based on the Board's good experience on its investments. In addition, the Board approved (subject to action by State Conventions) an increase in widow benefits under Plan A to 50% of the potential or actual retirement benefit; previously it was 40%. This increase applies to those retiring January 1, 1973 and thereafter.

A temporary income benefit under Plan A was established for a widow, child or dependent parent of those who die before early or normal retirement, or after disability retirement, and who have met the required participation. The temporary income benefit can amount, at maximum, to \$333.33 per month for 36 months if the participant died before age 40. The length of payment of the benefits decreases with the age at death. This benefit is payable to those who died 1/1/73 or after.

More than 9,000 insurance policyholders transferred to the new Health Benefit Plan with Aetna Life Insurance Company.

The Board reported several records for its operation in 1972. Funds paid in trust for over 38,000 participants in retirement plans passed \$300 million for the first time. Investment income reached a new high for 1972 of more than \$22 million. Retirement and other protection benefits paid out for the 12-month period surpassed \$10 million for the first time.

The total amount of money paid in "13th Checks" exceeded one million dollars, also for the first time. Good investment results in 1972 on funds held to pay benefits account for this dividend.

Income from premiums and dues topped \$30 million, another record.

As of June 1, 1973 in THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION 30 churches and the Association were participating in the Retirement Program.

Information on the Annuity Board may be secured by writing Development Office, Annuity Board, SBC, 511 North Akard Building, Dallas, Texas, 75201 or Rev. Sam O'Neal, P. O. Box 26588, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OFFICE COMMITTEE

Albert A. Young

The Associational Office Committee held one meeting during the year and made several changes in the financial area of the Associational office including the secretary's salary. All of these suggestions were passed on to the Finance Committee and all were adopted by that committee.

There seems to be no need for new equipment at this point and our promotional secretary, Miss Helen Cater, had no suggestions concerning working conditions, etc.

The committee appreciates the work of Miss Cater and this office.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

Earl L. Melton

In accordance with your instructions, we have examined the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association, Hickory, North Carolina for the year ended September 30, 1973 and present herewith our report.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

CASH IN BANK, \$1,157.97: Cash in Bank on September 30, 1973, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

CASH IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, \$17,422.52: Cash in Savings Account at First Savings & Loan Association of \$10,456.78 and at Fidelity Savings & Loan Association of \$6,965.74 on September 30, 1973, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

INCOME, \$20,427.99: Receipts from churches and miscellaneous income were traced from the receipts journal into the bank account.

EXPENSES, \$21,095.59: Invoices and other supporting documents for the expenses of the Association were examined and traced into the disbursements journal on a test basis.

We found the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association to be well kept and complete, thereby making it possible to locate the information needed in connection with our examination.

(The Statement of Operations shows a net loss of \$-667.60 for the year. ----- A complete copy of this audit is on file in the Association Office.)

REPORT ON BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Dr. E. Ted Chandler

The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina is committed to quality care which nurtures the whole person—physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

In this year of development and constructive change the entire agency has voluntarily met the minimum standards for child caring agencies and has been licensed by the State of North Carolina for all of our services to children and their families.

Each of the three administrative areas has realized significant growth. In the Western Area two additional cottages have been completed and occupied at Broyhill Home and construction has begun on the administration building and the recreation building. The Maternity Home continues to operate at or near capacity in its service to unwed mothers. In the Eastern Area a new cottage is being built at Kennedy Home and the foster care program has been enlarged.

In the Piedmont Area three developments deserve special attention. (1) Mills Home has a new administrative organization. The twenty cottages have been divided into four units of five each, and each unit will have a unit director, two social workers, and the cottage personnel. These smaller units will provide closer working relationships between staff members and children, and between staff and families. (2) Wall Home at Wallburg has been reopened to provide for a group of boys, utilizing the special skills of the houseparents in an outdoor adventure program. (3) We are negotiating with Baptists in Alamance and Mecklenburg Counties for the establishment of emergency care units.

These pressing childcare needs are laid on the hearts of Baptists. (1) We need many families who will open their homes to accept foster children. (2) The increase in the cost of food, clothing, supplies and services make the Cooperative Program and the Thanksgiving offering all the more important to our continuing services. (3) Several old cottages remain, which need to be replaced with new cottages better suited to present patterns of childcare.

REPORT ON HOMES FOR THE AGING

Mrs. L. P. Frans

One of the most meaningful things that you do as a Baptist is the share that you have in the ministry of your North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging. As you look back with us upon the twenty-two years of this ministry, and the past year in particular, there are distinctive blessings that we would like to call to your mind and heart.

First, there is no greater realization that we can have together than the awareness of the fact that this special ministry to older people is a venture of faith in God. It always has been. We hope that it always will be. God has brought us from one Home to five resident Homes, with two located in Winston-Salem (Resthaven and the Hayes Home), and one each in Albemarle, Hamilton and Yanceyville. These Homes have a capacity of 162 residents, and there is a Nursing Care Unit in Winston-Salem, with a capacity for 63 patients, and serving all of the Homes' residents, when nursing income is very limited. They look to you, through your love gifts, for a supplement to their care, and all of us look to the Lord continually for His great love. This, therefore, is a venture of faith.

Never forget that this is your ministry, on behalf of Christ, to older persons and that they simply could not be ministered unto without your love gifts. Specifically, during the past year, through your gifts, you contributed \$185 per month for the care of the majority of the residents in your five Baptist Homes. Through the Special Offering you contributed 20% of the total income of the

Homes, and through the Cooperative Program, you gave 10% of the total budget needed. The tie that binds this ministry to the hearts of our Baptist people and our Baptist Churches is a very special one and a very distinctive one indeed.

Be glad also for the fact that your love gifts make possible quality care. It has often been said of the ministry of our Baptist Homes that there is no finer care that an older person can receive this side of heaven than the care given in our Homes for the Aging. Everything that we do for Christ should be this way, and we are certainly trying to give Him our best day by day in our ministry to the older people in our care. There is someone serving around the clock, watching over the residents.

God bless you for your share in this ministry to the Aging, which is both special and distinctive. Pray for us, come to see us, and continue to support this ministry as liberally and loyally in the future as you have in the past.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

H. Phillip King

Baptist Hospital opened its door in May of 1923

The 50th anniversary included the dedication of the new Reynolds Tower, a 16-story patient care facility. That brings the total bed capacity to 655, placing it within the top 10 per cent (in size) among hospitals in the U. S. When the renovation of older sections of the hospital is completed the total number of beds will be 717.

Construction has begun on an ambulatory care building to house the emergency room, outpatient clinics, the Physical Therapy Department and Oncology (Cancer) Clinic and Research Laboratories, and will complete the present Medical Center Development Program.

Last November the Baptist State Convention heard the report of the Committee of 15 and adopted its recommendations. To implement these recommendations:

1. A Medical Center Committee, composed of 8 Trustees from the Baptist Hospital Board and 8 from the Wake Forest University Board, has been appointed to consider matters involving the Medical Center and its future operation.

2. The hospital trustees appointed a committee of three to review appropriations from the Mother's Day fund and assist in making decisions on requests for assistance. The hospital continues to provide care for people who cannot pay. The auditor's confirmed value of this care in 1972 was \$1,390,000.—nearly four times the amount of the Mother's Day Offering—and this does not include the value of physicians' service, provided without cost to these service patients.

3. The Department of Pastoral Care has expanded to provide training for lay people. Dr. Mahon Siler joined the staff June 1 to head up this new work. The Department also anticipates the establishment of several satellite counseling and training centers in the state, beginning in the near future. Your Cooperative Program gifts support the work of this department.

The hospital's financial operation is "in the black", and there has not been a general room rate increase in 2 1/2 years. As of July, the Mother's Day Offerings from our Association are \$1,000.00 behind and only 30 churches have participated.

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD

The Nominating Committee has not been able to find a man who would accept the responsibility as Brotherhood Director. On September 27, the Pastors and Educational Directors of our association met with State and SBC Brotherhood staff members for dialogue on their work.

An Associational Brotherhood Workshop for leaders in the churches has been scheduled for November 8 at 7:00 pm at Central Church with the State Convention Brotherhood Department furnishing the leadership.

REPORT OF CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL

J. Harold Craig

A very successful school was held last year with major emphasis given to Sunday School. We were fortunate to have such an outstanding faculty composed of a seminary professor, Sunday School Board personnel, and our own state Sunday School staff.

Total enrolment reached 494 with an average attendance of 360. 29 out of our 37 churches were represented.

Once every five to seven years, we have an opportunity to have a World Missions Conference. One is scheduled for February 10-14, 1974. Plans call for 8 Foreign, 8 Home and 4 State missionaries to participate. The missionaries will speak in the local churches on Sunday morning, and then we will meet centrally Sunday—Thursday evenings. On Sunday evening, there will be a mission fair, giving people an opportunity to meet the missionaries and view their displays. At 7:30 a Mission Celebration will be led in the sanctuary of First Church, Hickory by Dr. Claude Rhea. Dr. Rhea, an outstanding soloist, is a former music consultant with the Foreign Mission Board and presently Dean of Music of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama. The service will be one of testimony in song and the spoken word.

In addition to the evening sessions, luncheon meetings will also be held Monday—Thursday at a different location each day.

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE

William J. Furr

Since assuming the leadership of the Christian Life Committee when the Reverend Al Andrews moved from our association to assume the pastorate of the Wilkesboro Baptist Church, I have devoted most of my time in this area to working against the Liquor-by-the-Drink Referendum to be conducted throughout North Carolina on November 6, 1973. I have assumed the chairmanship of the Catawba County Christian Action League and have worked with many other people in our area in organizing our campaign. Our Baptist churches (pastors and laymen alike) are to be commended for their support, for truly without the work of our fellow Baptists we could not have made the progress we have made in challenging the people of our county to vote "No" on November 6. As it now stands, we feel that we have an excellent chance of winning the referendum, both locally and statewide.

There are nine reasons why we have worked toward the defeat of the referendum:

(1). Liquor-by-the-Drink sales will change radically the control system under which North Carolina has handled the problem of alcohol sales for almost forty years, from a system of government-operated agencies to a system of individuals operating motels and restaurants.

(2). The profit motive would enter the picture of liquor sales in North Carolina.

(3). Liquor-by-the-Drink sales will increase drastically the number of outlets in North Carolina, from 324 stores selling liquor to approximately 3,324.

(4). More outlets and additional sales will mean more drinking of liquor.

(5). The increased consumption of liquor will lead to more alcoholics in North Carolina.

(6). Liquor-by-the-Drink will encourage drinking and driving, and that is a bad combination, causing countless deaths.

(7). Liquor-by-the-Drink will not, as its proponents say, increase tourism in the state.

(8). New industry is coming to North Carolina without Liquor-by-the-Drink, and we do not need LBD in order to attract it.

(9). Liquor-by-the-Drink will glamorize the Nation's Number One Problem—alcohol.

For these and other reasons, The Christian Action League of North Carolina and the Christian Life Committee of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association say that the Liquor-by-the-Drink referendum on November 6 ought to be resoundingly defeated, and we call upon the people of our county to vote "No" at the polls.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Miss Martha Eggers

The Christian Missionary enterprise of North Carolina Baptists is one of partnership—that is the Baptist churches and Baptist colleges working together. Most of our pastors, missionaries, church staff members and denominational leaders are educated in Baptist colleges. An example of church-college cooperation is the Baptist Youth Corps, which provided dedicated student leadership for more than eighty North Carolina Baptist churches during the summer of 1973.

Education does not come easy. However, no qualified student is turned down in any of our colleges because of inability to pay. The churches help make this possible through the cooperative program (during 1973 over two million dollars will be given to support Christian higher education) and the Baptist College Scholarship offering on Father's Day.

Baptist colleges stress the importance of the individual student, and are anxious to enroll the youth from our churches who plan to attend college. Churches can help their students and their colleges by encouraging interested young people to apply for enrollment in one of the seven North Carolina Baptist Colleges: Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb; Mars Hill, Meredith, Wake Forest or Wingate.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Mrs. Charles Lee Huffman

There is much going on in our state, nation and the world today about which the Christian needs to be informed. An excellent source for this information is the BIBLICAL RECORDER, which contains timely editorials, news of our Baptist churches and fellow Christians, excellent photographs and covers, interesting personal columns, and Letters to the Editor (opinions of readers), as well as many other features. It is a Baptist journal devoted to that which is wholesome and helpful. Circulation this year has risen to nearly 106,000, an all-time high, largely through an increase in churches putting the RECORDER in the budget.

Other Baptist publications which can help keep us informed are THE CHARITY AND CHILDREN, which keeps us abreast of news of our ministry to children in the state; THE COMMISSION, our Foreign Mission Board Journal; and HOME MISSIONS, published by the Home Mission Board.

Inspirational publications include HOME LIFE, PEOPLE and various age-level magazines for different ministries within the church, such as music, W. M. U. and Brotherhood.

An accurately informed, inspired Christian will be a stronger Christian. One of the best sources for information and inspiration is our Baptist literature.

REPORT ON CHURCH TRAINING

Gary A. Whitener

“CHURCH—The Sunday Night Place” is a plan developed by the Church Training Department of our Sunday School Board which places a renewed emphasis upon worship and training on Sunday night. Some of our churches are participating in this plan and we hope that others will look into the possibilities of using this with their congregation.

The first associational Church Training event last year was our annual “M” Night held at First Church, Hickory with 401 attending from 25 churches. The speaker was Rev. W. T. Mills, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Raleigh, and his daughter, Dottie, who sang.

Claremont, First Church had four children to participate in the Scripture Exploring Drill and they also made a perfect score in the State Drill at Caswell.

Several churches had representatives to attend Church Training week at Caswell this Summer.

108 young people and their leaders from twelve churches attended the Associational Youth Retreat in July at Gardner-Webb College, with “The Brothers and Ruth”, a team of students from Appalachian University, in charge of the program.

If you need help in your Church Training program please call on us. These are days of change and we need to keep our people informed. Training church members and leaders is a continuing task and we cannot afford to let our training programs decelerate.

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Harvey Laughter

This committee has had no activities to be cared for during this year.

REPORT OF THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

James R. Rowles, Jr.

This was a great year for the Evangelism Committee. One of the highlights of the work of Evangelism for 1972-73 was the Lay Evangelism Schools. Rev. William C. Lamb, our able State Secretary for Evangelism, directed the four associational schools assisted by his associate, Rev. Jimmy Hinson. Twenty-one churches cooperated. Each group had a leader from elsewhere in the state as follows: Rev. Jack Coffey, Raleigh; Rev. J. Billy Graham, Gibsonville; Rev. Bill Lamb, Raleigh; Rev. Lester Ferguson, High Point. The sub-committees that brought this school into being were numerous.

The other highlight was our association-wide Revival meetings led by Convention personnel. Twenty churches cooperated together with the following Evangelists: Brookford; Spurgeon Hayes; Catawba, Jerry Potter; Central, Burrell Lucas; Corinth, C. T. Stephens; Hickory, First, Dr. Nathan Brooks; Highland, Dr. Howard Ford; Hildebran, First, W. T. Chewning; Icard, Harold White; Longview, Glen A. Ramsey; Mountain Grove, Maurice Cooper; Newton, First, Jimmy Hinson; North Newton, Richard Smith; Oxford, Alex Booth; Penelope, Tom Greene; Providence, Sam O'Neal; Sandy Ridge, Dr. W. Perry Crouch; Springs Road, Roger Williams; Sweetwater, Cleve Wilkie; Temple, James McQuere; Viewmont, William C. Lamb. The following results were tabulated: Professions of faith—47; Letter, other additions—18; rededications—670; Fulltime Vocation Volunteers—5.

The Billy Graham film, "A Time To Run", was held with your committee being responsible for training the counselors.

Many churches have seen a greater thrust in evangelism than the association has had since its inception.

Praise the Lord!

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Miss Helen Cater, Clerk

This committee held four sessions during the year with an average attendance of 25 from 25 churches which is a decrease over the previous year. Reports were received from the organizations and committees and their reports in this issue contain their activities. The Moderator, Rev. Roy Beals, presided over three sessions and the Vice-Moderator, Rev. B. R. Holbrook, over one session.

Actions taken by the Executive Committee are as follows:

... expressed concern for absentee reports at these sessions and suggested that the Moderator call these to express our concern.

... accepted as information the letter from Oakland Heights Church to withdraw from the association and instructed the Membership Committee to write a letter to their leadership strongly stating that what they are doing is serious and that we would accept them back if they meet the qualifications of our Constitution.

... asked the Christian Life Committee to get busy soon with plans for the Liquor-by-the-Drink vote coming up in November and instructed Bill Furr as chairman to work with the County organization. We voted to release funds for which we are Trustee to the County organization.

...on presentation of a need presented by Frank Poovey, Viewmont Church, we voted to donate the Olympia typewriter no longer being used in the Association Office to a Southern Baptist Mission in Marianne, Pennsylvania.

...endorsed committee reports for presentation at the annual session.

...decided to continue action concerning a letter of withdrawal from the Association by the Emmanuel Church until further information becomes available.

...asked the Extension Committee to investigate the area beyond Brookford where at least four developments are being constructed to see if it would be feasible for us to purchase property for possible future work there.

Reports of activities in the various churches were given at most of the sessions.

A complete copy of the Executive Committee Minutes are on file in the Association Office. Also, copies of THE THERON RANKIN NEWS, which is mailed each month to the leadership of the churches and convention, are on file there.

REPORT OF THE EXTENSION COMMITTEE

This committee has had no activities this year. (The chairman has moved away.)

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE & TREASURER

Fred Mull, chmn. F. W. Broome, Treas.

Church	BUDGET GOAL	AMOUNT RECEIVED	BUDGET GOAL
	THIS YEAR	10/1/72-9/30/73	1973-74
Brookford	\$ 128.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 174.00
Calvary, Hickory	199.00		212.00
Calvary, Newton	274.00	210.00 †	271.00
Catawba	186.00	185.00	191.00
Central	374.00	250.00	443.00
Claremont, First	113.00	80.00	129.00
Corinth	260.00	260.00*	287.00
East First Street	350.00	360.00*	379.00
East Hickory	492.00	456.00	521.00
Emmanuel	294.00		
Fairbrook	85.00	85.00*	92.00
Fairgrove	145.00	70.00*	157.00
Hickory, First	1,940.00	1,900.00	2,049.00
Highland	1,200.00	1,164.00	1,433.00
Hildebran, First	469.00	489.00*	516.00
Icard	464.00	325.00	390.00
Lakeview	355.00	343.75	380.00
Longview	256.00	165.00	231.00
Mountain Grove	422.00	300.00	461.00
Newton, First	747.00	747.00*	902.00
North Newton	515.00	506.00	569.00
Oakland Heights	104.00		
Oxford	95.00	95.00*	126.00
Penelope	1,016.00	627.49	1,109.00
Providence	194.00	194.00*	200.00
Sandy Ridge	388.00	388.00*	391.00
Springs Road	506.00	506.00*	544.00
Startown	183.00	166.00	199.00
Sweetwater	150.00	136.00	139.00
Temple	402.00	372.81	428.00

Unity	153.00	150.00	201.00
Viewmont	1,261.00	924.00	1,178.00
Warlick's	362.00	240.00	315.00
Wayside	101.00	12.00	102.00
West Hickory	768.00	916.32*	836.00
Winkler's Grove	414.00	150.00	429.00
Woodlawn	363.00	371.00*	375.00
Totals	<u>\$15,728.00</u>	<u>\$13,204.37</u>	<u>\$16,359.00</u>

The suggested goal is the formula of \$1.00 per resident member plus 1% of total recripts, divid-
ed by two. The latest figures available were taken from the 9/30/72 Church Letters. It is hoped that
the churches already giving more than the suggested goal can continue to do so.

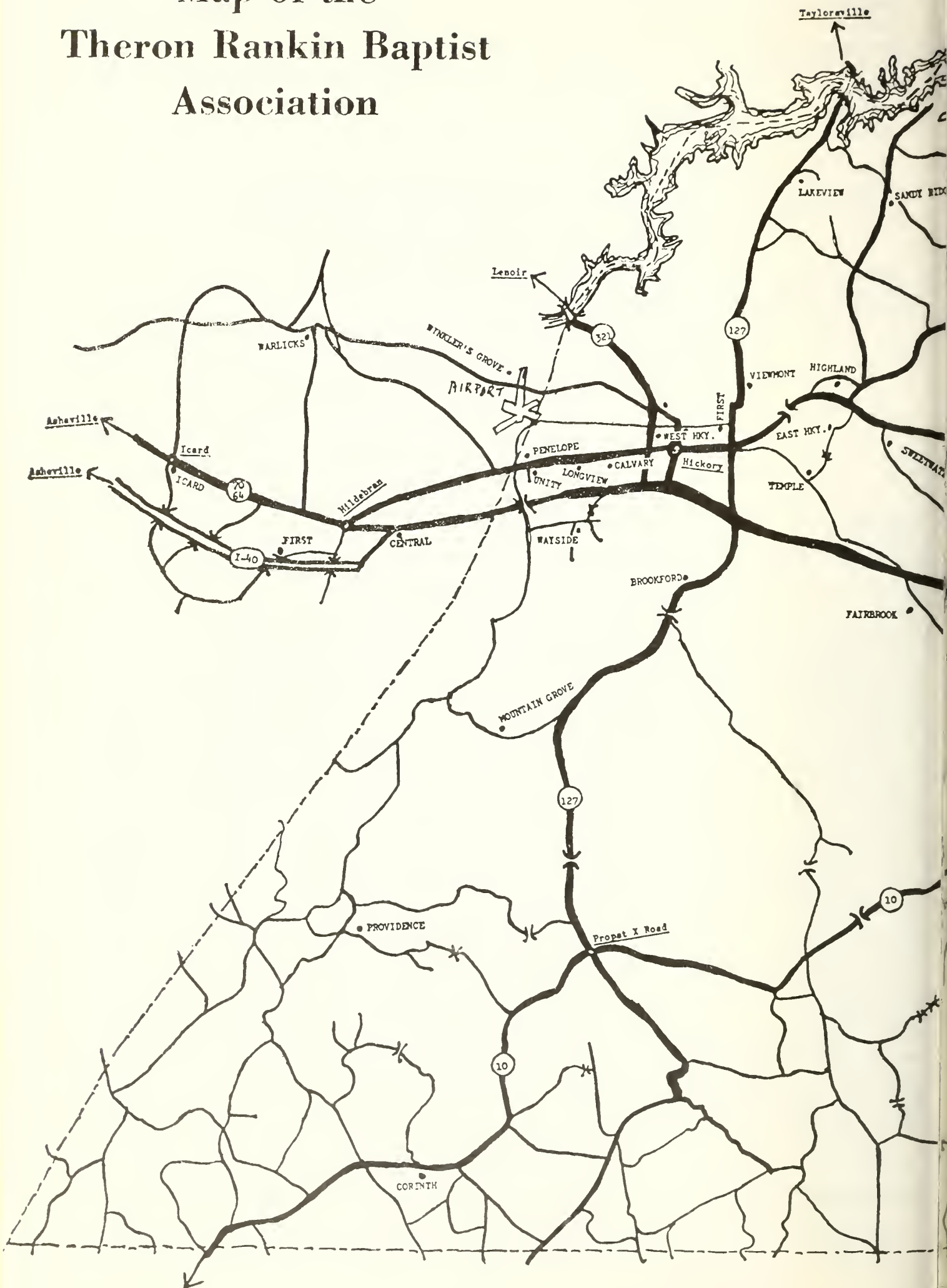
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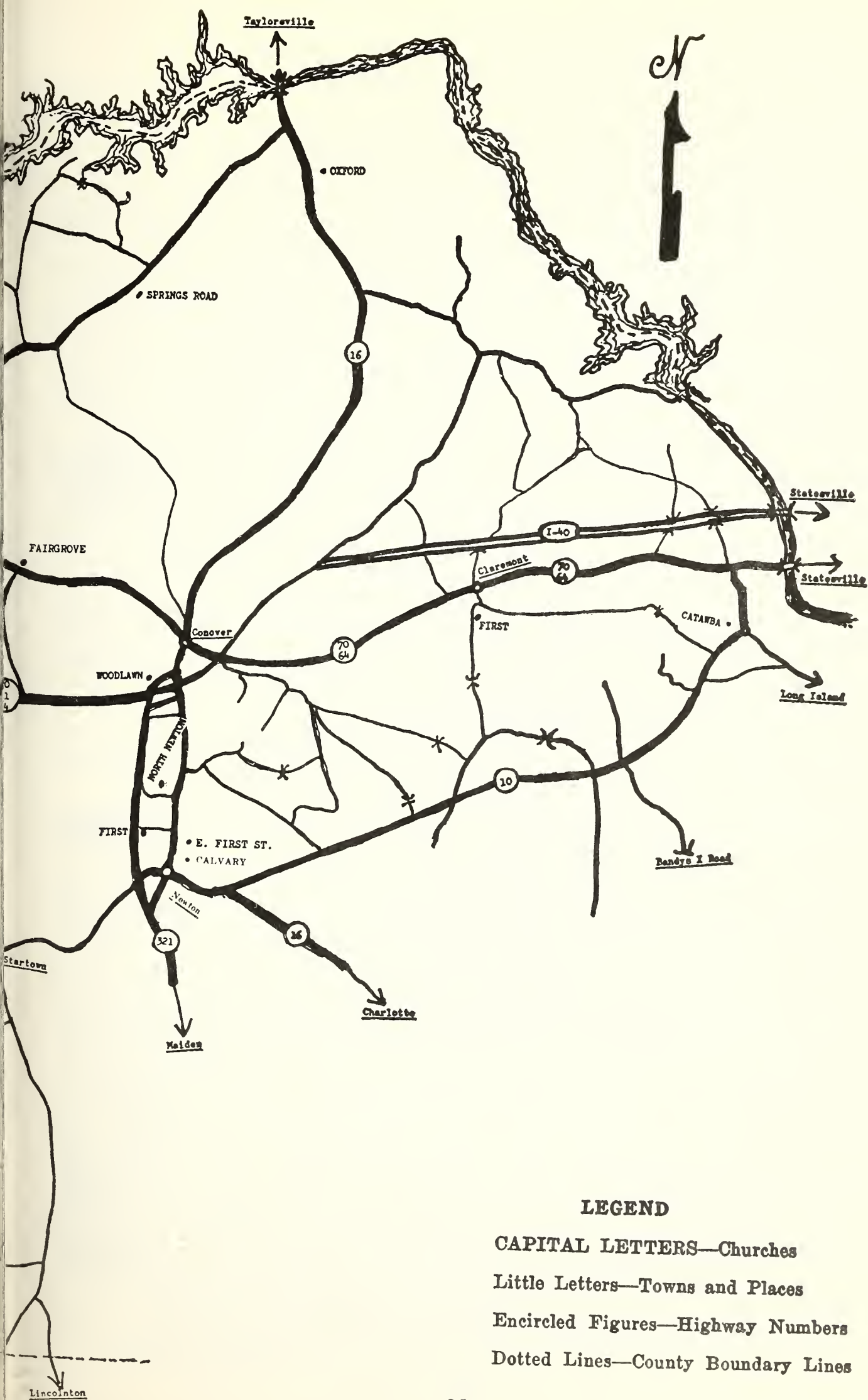
†We received \$42.00 from Calvary, Newton after the books had been closed and turned over to
the Auditor. This figure will be applied to next year's contributions.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Item	BUDGET	SPEC. RECTS.	EXPENSES	BUDGET
	1972-73	1972-73	1972-73	1973-74
Sunday School	\$ 250.00	\$ 193.75	\$ 310.20	\$ 250.00
Church Training	150.00		130.74	150.00
Woman's Missionary Union	350.00		350.00	350.00
Brotherhood	100.00			100.00
Music	100.00	48.00	50.25	100.00
Printing & Postage	450.00		318.00	500.00
Churches entertaining annual meeting	250.00		150.00	250.00
BSU, Lenoir-Rhyne College	200.00		200.00	200.00
Scholarships (two in budget)	600.00	300.00	900.00	600.00
Minutes	600.00		490.99	600.00
Central Training School	1,500.00	124.71	1,443.34	1,500.00
Evangelism	1,200.00	5,114.50	6,121.82	300.00
Youth Work	500.00	603.00	987.24	500.00
Salaries	5,700.00		5,700.00	6,000.00
Social Security	310.00		331.82	351.00
Hospital/Life Ins. (Assoc. part)	300.00		354.92	366.00
Car Allowance (Promotional Secretary)	350.00		350.00	375.00
Convention/Ridgecrest (Promotional Secy.)	450.00	5.00	174.25	450.00
Office Utilities	250.00		222.75	250.00
Office Supplies	500.00	336.86	687.35	500.00
Audio-Visual Aids	200.00		143.52	300.00
South Mountain Baptist Camp	350.00		350.00	350.00
Office Help	75.00		54.00	75.00
Miscellaneous	128.00	152.21	134.00	695.00
Office Equipment & Maintenance	225.00		102.48	225.00
Annuity (Promotional Secretary)	540.00		540.00	540.00
Christmas Gift (Promotional Secretary)	100.00		100.00	100.00
Life & Disability Ins. (Prom. Secy)				82.00
SBC Assoc. Workshop at Ridgecrest				300.00
TOTALS	<u>\$15,728.00</u>	<u>\$6,878.03</u>	<u>\$20,697.67</u>	<u>\$16,359.00</u>
Life Insurance (designated)		345.59	397.92	
TOTALS	<u>\$15,728.00</u>	<u>\$7,223.62</u>	<u>\$21,095.59</u>	<u>\$16,359.00</u>

Map of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association





SUMMARY: October 1, 1972–September 30, 1973

Balance on hand on October 1, 1972		\$ 1,825.57
Receipts: from the churches	\$13,204.37	
Lay Evangelism Schools (WIN)	2,234.50	
Office supplies	336.86	
Apostoloi expenses	15.00	
Life Insurance (designated)	345.59	
“Good News” Scriptures (misc.)	60.78	
Music Conference dinner	48.00	
Sale of books (Central Training School)	124.71	
Sales Tax refund (misc.)	91.43	
VBS supper	193.75	
Honorariums (Revival crusade)	2,280.00	
B.S.C., Evangelism Dept. (Adv. expense—Revivals)	600.00	
Scholarships	300.00	
Youth Retreat	588.00	
Refund—Fruitland Conference Center	5.00	
Total receipts during this period		<u>\$20,427.99</u>
Total amount to be accounted for during this period		22,253.56
Less disbursements (listed above)		<u>21,095.59</u>
Balance on hand September 30, 1973		\$ 1,157.97

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Savings Certificate at 6%—2 yr. demand	\$10,000.00	
at First Savings and Loan Association		
Interest added this year	456.78	\$10,456.78
Account at 5¾%—90 day withdrawal notice	\$ 3,354.34	
Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Association		
Plus Interest from Savings Certificate.	150.00	
Plus Dividend this year	182.73	3,687.00
Account at 5¼%—on demand	\$ 3,125.53	
at Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Association		
Plus Dividend this year	153.14	<u>3,278.67</u>
Total on deposit in three accounts on 9/30/73		\$17,422.52

REPORT ON THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

George F. Hemphill

We have received during this year funds for the Scholarship Foundation amounting to \$1,690.00 from individual members of these churches: West Hickory, First, Hickory, Highland and Providence.

The following is a report of these funds on deposit at First Savings and Loan Association:

Balance on deposit on 9/30/72	\$1,284.66
deposits added during this year	1,690.00
dividends added this year	<u>131.32</u>
Balance on deposit on 9/30/73	\$3,105.98

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Mrs. Eugene Ledford

Most Christians in the world today, find it very difficult to comprehend the magnitude of the spiritual darkness needs throughout the world today. The forces of darkness in many forms have largely succeeded in controlling the minds and hearts of many people of foreign lands.

Southern Baptist missions continue to call for reinforcements in missionary personnel. These requests, though urgent as they may be, are still not being fulfilled. The number of Southern Baptist missionaries was lower at the end of the last calendar year than in 1937. There were fewer missionary appointments the last year, and losses from the missionary staff for the second year were higher than usual. We now have a total of 2,507 on the foreign missionary staff.

All of us can not go across to these heathen lands. Few may be able to preach and teach in public ministry; but we, as believers in Christ, should be praying partners and giving toward the support of missions.

"The fields all are ripening and far and wide

The world now is waiting, the harvest tide,

But reapers are needed and funds are low.

Unless we all give, very few will go." Anon.

Doors are open to us that we cannot enter unless Southern Baptists support liberally, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Cooperative Program. Let us give generously and cheerfully this year to the support of missions. It will be through your increased missionary giving that will make continuing missionary advance possible.

Many lands around the world are more open and responsive to the Gospel than ever before. Let us pray for a deeper understanding of God's love, a vision for lost souls and to offer this new life in Christ to all people. And also pray that more young people and adults will offer themselves for missionary service.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

Mrs. W. B. Duncan

Another Associational year has come and gone with many changes being made within the churches and the world.

The year began with Lay Evangelism Schools with 507 registered. "M" Night was held on November 27, 1972 with Rev. W. T. Mills of Temple Baptist Church, Raleigh as speaker. Central Training School was held February 26—March 1. Nineteen churches participated in the area-wide Revival Crusade in April 1973.

YOUTH NEWS—Miss Joyce Hatchett, NEWTON, FIRST, leader of BSU Revival Team at Appalachian University. Mike Williams, WEST HICKORY and Kenneth Wilson, ICARD were members of Mars Hill Revival Team. A Youth Rally was held April 7 before the Area-wide Revival Crusade. LAKEVIEW, SANDY RIDGE & HIGHLAND held a joint Youth Revival, July 19-21. An Associational Youth Retreat was held at Gardner-Webb in July. HIGHLAND Youth Choir and Ensemble performed at State Youth Convention. HIGHLAND Youth groups made a Mission tour to Carribou, Maine and MacArthur, Ohio and Wellston, Ohio. NEWTON, FIRST Youth group held a Mission VBS in Nova Scotia, Canada. VIEWMONT Youth went to Marrienne, Pennsylvania. ICARD baptized, licensed, ordained and sent out Rick Carreno as evangelist from this church. NEWTON, FIRST ordained Dwaine Coley to Gospel ministry. EAST FIRST STREET, NEWTON ordained Dan J. Spears, and PENELOPE ordained Michael Sigmon.

CLAREMONT, FIRST started a new sanctuary on present site. CENTRAL air-conditioned sanctuary. FAIRBROOK remodeled and air-conditioned sanctuary, bought new pews, added classrooms and remodeled outside. FAIRGROVE received gift of a Hammond organ. EAST HICKORY held a note burning and dedication service in November 1972. HILDEBRAN, FIRST has a devotional service over WHKY-FM. MOUNTAIN GROVE purchased a new Allen organ. HICKORY, FIRST joined Cooperative Christian Ministry of Hickory and opened Child Development Center. NEWTON, FIRST dedicated sanctuary organ, held a Day Camp in summer. OXFORD completed new sanctuary and educational building in April 1973 and held dedication service on September 30, 1973.

PENELOPE has under construction a new Fellowship Center at approximate cost of \$300,000.00. This church became part of Cooperative Christian Ministry. VIEWMONT purchased a bus and joined Cooperative Christian Ministry. WARLICK'S air-conditioned sanctuary and adult Sunday School department. WEST HICKORY began a Day Care program; held Preschool Dedication day and installed new sound system. SANDY RIDGE purchased tract of land adjoining church lot. WINKLER'S GROVE air-conditioned sanctuary, purchased four acres more land. NORTH NEWTON has a Sunday School class for deaf, made plans to build pastorium. SPRINGS ROAD began construction of new pastorium. WOODLAWN erected a new pastorium.

NEW PASTORS and ASSOCIATES—LONGVIEW, Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr.; STARTOWN, Rev. I. D. Phillips; EAST HICKORY, Joe D. Coltrane; UNITY, Rev. Wilborn Merck; WINKLER'S GROVE, Rev. Kenneth Faulkenbury; FAIRGROVE, Rev. Richard Fisher; WAYSIDE, Rev. Jason Stilwell; HICKORY, FIRST, Rev. Larry R. Phillips, associate.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

W. L. Jenkins

The focal point of all home mission ministries is to bring people into a right relationship with God. To this end the personnel of the Home Mission Board is involved during the year in many activities to attain this goal. Lay witnessing and bus ministry clinics, high school and college leadership training, area evangelistic crusades and revivals are some of the means used to send the Gospel forth. Every possible effort is made to cross barriers with the Gospel.

The pioneer missions thrust continues in new areas with a church extension program that has assisted sponsoring churches to plant a Baptist witness in every state and in all major metropolitan centers. Hundreds of home Bible study fellowships are conducted weekly, many of which lead to new churches in needy areas. Much more could be done with better financial support.

Language missions requires a special kind of missionary and it is a ministry to persons requiring an unusual method of communication, such as the deaf, internationals and refugees. Through interfaith witnessing the message goes to other religious groups. The chaplaincy ministry continues to be an effective part of our program with more than 900 chaplains endorsed by our Board. Our relationship with National Baptists continues to improve as evangelistic cooperation, educational ventures, fellowships, and campus ministries give us opportunities to share the message.

The Home Mission Board is a mission partner with other agencies and with all state conventions in planning and coordinating the various methods of Gospel communication.

Home Missions presently employs about twenty-two hundred full-time missionaries, staff and office personnel, plus nearly six thousand special workers such as youth groups and summer missionaries. The annual budget exceeds \$16 million. Approximately \$1,900.00 is required to operate each hour.

"Share the Word Now" significantly emphasizes the urgency with which we should look at our present opportunities and respond with the needed action "because the days are evil".

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Bob H. Hillard

This committee is elected annually by the association. The duties are to receive and consider all petitionary letters of churches seeking membership of the Association. Upon request, the committee will investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the cooperation and fellowship of the churches.

This committee has had no requests from churches to apply this year for membership in the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

A letter, dated April 18, 1973, from the Oakland Heights Baptist Church of Hickory was received by the association. It indicated this church's decision and desire to withdraw from the association. The counsel and assistance of the membership committee was made available but rejected by the church. The Association Executive Committee in its regular meeting on May 22, 1973 voted to accept this letter as information and write a letter to the Membership of this church strongly stating that what they are doing is serious and that we would accept them back if they meet

the qualifications of our constitution. A letter was sent to the Oakland Heights Church and its leadership on June 29, 1973 to inform them of this action.

Also, a letter, dated June 26, 1973, from the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Newton, was received by the association. It indicated this church's decision and desire to withdraw from the association. This matter was discussed at the regular meeting of the Association Executive Committee on August 21, 1973. Action on this matter was delayed pending further contacts.

REPORT OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Julian Suggs

Music is vital in the worship of God. Someone has well said that the second most important book is the Hymnal. Doubtless to say, we can recall more Scripture through the singing of hymns in congregational worship than through Scripture memorization.

The Music Ministry in the Theron Rankin Association churches continues to grow, not only numerically, but in interest and participation. Many of our churches took advantage of the opportunity this past year to engage in choral clinics, choir festivals and summer assemblies.

The annual Music Conference was held last January 23 at West Hickory Church with 73 persons from twelve churches participating.

An association choir was used in March at the First Church, Hickory to provide special music for the One-Night Sunday School Revival.

Penelope Church hosted a regional Children's Choir Festival last February with choirs from First, Hickory, Penelope, First, Newton, North Newton and Highland participating.

Viewmont and Highland Churches participated in the Youth-Adult festivals in the regional festivals. Viewmont also participated in the State Handbell festival held in Charlotte.

Numerous Children, Youth and Adult choir members participated in Summer assemblies at Fruitland and Caswell.

It is our hope and prayer that we will continue to grow musically in "teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts unto the Lord". (Col. 3:16)

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Miss Linda Crawford, chairman

Clerk.....	Miss Helen Cater
Treasurer.....	Frelon W. Broome
Historian.....	Mrs. W. B. Duncan
Parliamentarian.....	James R. Rowles
Trustees.....	Wilson Aultman (chmn.) Term expiring 1974; M. S. Brittain, Term expiring 1975; David L. Stewart, Term expiring 1976
Sunday School Director.....	Raleigh Castelloe
Church Training Director.....	Gary A. Whitener
Brotherhood Director.....	(to be named)
Woman's Missionary Union Director.....	Mrs. Rose W. Wqlff
Music Director.....	Hendley Ellington

STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAM: Smoot Baker, Chmn., Bob Hillard, Donald Greene, Hendley Ellington, Homer F. Greene

MEMBERSHIP: Homer Bradey, Chmn., Boyce Dobbins, Buddy Whitener, Bobby A. Langston, M. J. Upchurch

RESOLUTIONS: Mrs. W. J. Furr, Chmn., Mrs. H. J. Whitener, V. C. Martin, R. S. Bolick, Mrs. Homer Bradey

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: W. R. Sigmon, Chmn., Murray Tate, Bill Sigmon

EXTENSION: Fritz D. Hemphill, Chmn., Edgar Lineberger, Fred Thompson, R. D. Buie, Ervel Jones

FINANCE: C. Van Teague, Chmn., Melvin Lockman, Bruce Teague, Cecil Mull, Mrs. Lee J. Greenhill, Miss Elizabeth Robinson, Earl Melton, Auditor, F. W. Boome Ex Officio.

PLACE & PREACHER: B. R. Holbrook, Chmn., J. Max Smith, Joe Watkins, Joe Coltrane, I. D. Phillips

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ENROLLMENT: V. H. White, Chmn., (3 associates from each of the host churches)

ASSOCIATION OFFICE: R. F. Smith, Jr., Chmn., Mrs. Lewis Withers, Walter Cooley, Harold Threatt, James E. Britt

CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL: J. Harold Craig, Director (plus the head of each program organization or their representative)

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: George F. Hemphill, Earl Roberts, M. C. Turbyfill

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REPORT OF THE ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Smoot Baker

This past year your appointed committee on Ordinations met and examined two young men in our faith. The first one was requested by the East First Street Baptist Church of Newton, the Reverend Raymond H. Brown, pastor. So on November 18, 1972, your committee met and examined Brother Dan Spears; and on November 19 the East First Street Church ordained Brother Spears for the Gospel Ministry.

On September 7, 1973, your committee met and examined Brother Dwaine Coley. This request came from the First Baptist Church of Newton, the Reverend William J. Furr, pastor. This same church ordained Brother Coley two weeks later. Both young men are serving well, the first in the pastorate, and the latter in the field of Music and Education. May our blessed Lord increase and multiply their services for many years!

We thank God for the two mentioned above, and our committee for giving of their time and minds.

(Added since this report was submitted) This committee examined Brother Michael Sigmon of Penelope Church . On October 20 and October 21 the Penelope Church ordained Brother Sigmon for the Gospel Ministry. He is a third year student at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

REPORT OF PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

Jesse Hill, acting chairman

This committee received invitations for the Association to meet in 1974: for the morning and afternoon sessions with the Sandy Ridge Church and for the evening session with the Temple Church. The committee recommends that we accept these invitations and meet with Sandy Ridge for the day sessions and with the Temple Church for the evening session.

For preacher, we recommend the Rev. Harold Threatt, pastor of the Woodlawn Church, to preach the annual sermon. As alternate, we recommend the Rev. Homer Bradey.

RESOLUTIONS

In grateful appreciation to God for our experience with Him during the past year and for His untold and often uncounted blessings upon us in every phase of our endeavors, we the members of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association meeting in session October 25, 1973 do hereby make the following resolutions:

1. We express our deep appreciation to the members of the Providence Baptist Church for their sincere hospitality extended to us in the use of their facilities and the preparation and provision of a delightful and delicious lunch. We further express appreciation for the hospitality extended to us by the members of the Woodlawn Baptist Church. Both of these sister churches have gone to great lengths to make provisions for our every need. To them we are grateful.

2. We express appreciation to the Reverend Roy Beals, moderator, whose insightful guidance has directed our progress during the past year. We further extend to him assurance of our prayers that he may be restored totally to his physical health in order to continue his great ministry among us.

3. To the Reverend B. R. Holbrook, our vice-moderator, we express appreciation for his willingness and ability to assume the responsibilities of the moderator during the Annual Session. We are grateful to him for his fine leadership during these days.

4. To the members of the Program Committee, to the program personalities, and all other persons who had a part in making this a meaningful and significant Annual Session we express our deep appreciation.

5. We call special attention to the excellent Book of Reports presented for our convenience and information and in so doing express to Miss Helen Cater, our Associational Clerk and Promotional Secretary, our appreciation for her part in making possible this Book of Reports which is but a symbol of the quality of work she does for the Association throughout the year.

6. In view of the world and national situation involving crises of every nature and in view of the work of ministry and mission to be accomplished in our Association and in our community, be it therefore resolved that we commit ourselves anew to the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that all people here and everywhere may come to a knowledge of His redemptive love and action in behalf of all of us.

Be it further resolved that we commit ourselves to the total work of the church in and through our local church and in and through cooperation with our sister churches.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. Smith, Jr., Chairman
Mrs. William J. Furr
Mrs. H. J. Whitener
Bruce Walker

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Ben A. Byrd, Jr.

When we accept the truth that "the field is the world", we often over-look our own state. Our state of North Carolina is a mission field just as much as North Vietnam is a mission field. The

need for mission work is great in our cities as well as rural areas.

Our state has a varied population with a variety of mission needs. State Missions is the all-encompassing responsibility of Baptists for Indian reservations, resort areas, shopping centers, correctional institutions, apartment complexes, colleges campuses, child-care centers, military centers, or anywhere there are people who need the Saviour. State Missions is evangelism.

State Missions take place in local churches, associations, conferences of all kinds, assemblies and camps, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, seminary extension courses, and a variety of gatherings which are held to meet the growth needs of people. State Missions is training for Christian service.

Much of the home missions work in our state is supported by offerings given State Missions, since only about ten per cent of the offerings given through the Home Mission Board came back into projects in North Carolina in 1972.

The annual State Missions offering in September is comparable to the Lottie Moon offering for Foreign Missions in December, the Annie Armstrong offering for Home Missions in the spring, in that the State Missions offering provides essential support for the missionary enterprise.

In 1973 the State Missions offering goal is \$500,000. which represents about fifty cents per North Carolina Baptist. It is truly amazing what can be done through small units working together. If everyone of our Baptist people could see the need and respond generously, the results in making Christ known would be astounding. State Missions is each individual Baptist's responsibility. May God help us to assume our task joyfully.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Walter L. Cooley

Thank the Lord, Sunday School is making a strong comeback, especially in churches that are trying to develop consistent Bible teaching and a sustained visitation program. That is the key!

"If you go, they will come. If you give them something when they come, they will come back." That is about as simple a formula for Sunday School success as you can get, and it works wherever it is worked.

The associational emphasis this past year was on Better Bible Teaching. The emphasis was undegirded by our association-wide Central Training School Bible Conference. Our efforts and budget were spent to help teachers be better prepared when they stand before their classes. This kind of effort will bear fruit for many years to come. We need more of this kind of thing.

Remember, the association that prays together, plans together, and prepares together, will pull together for God's Glory. Let's get it all together this year!

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

M. C. Turbyfill

The Trustees only official action this year was the awarding of scholarships. Four applications were received for scholarships. One applicant decided to go to a non-Baptist School which left only three.

The association provided two \$300.00 scholarships. The trustees were able to find loyal members of the association to furnish the additional \$300.00, our thanks goes to those who made the extra scholarships possible. They were Mr. Harold Deal, Highland, \$100.00, Mr. John Newton, Highland, \$100.00, Mr. Kenneth Furgeson, Highland, \$50.00, and Mr. M. S. Brittain, Providence, \$50.00.

The three scholarships were awarded to Miss Renae Buchanan, West Hickory to attend Mars Hill College; Miss Frances Pendley, Penelope Church, to attend Mars Hill College; and Miss Andra Smith, First Church, Hickory, to attend Gardner-Webb College.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. Rose Wolff

It has been said that "knowledge is knowing where to look to find knowledge". The associational Woman's Missionary Union has endeavored to be a "source of knowledge" to the churches in our association. It has been our joy and privilege to be available to the churches for mission study, general meeting programs, leadership assistance and fellowship with the youth age levels.

The State WMU provides excellent training for Associational directors and the ladies always look forward to this Workshop held at Fruitland each August. We had seven going this year and each of us thought this the best workshop we have attended.

Mrs. Gilmer Cross, State WMU President, spoke to our women and young people at our annual WMU meeting held at Mountain Grove Church. We had a very welcome group of men and we look forward to larger numbers of them coming out to our women's meetings.

Mrs. Larry Penley, Acteens Director, presided at Hickory, First Church when the girls, ages 12—17, met in their annual rally. The Youth Choir from Newton, First Church presented a program in music which was well received by the Acteens. She also planned an associational Home Mission Study, taught by Mrs. Jim Petree of Hickory, First. This was so well received that the same type of study will be offered the girls and their leaders this coming year.

Girls In Action Director, Mrs. Eugene Ledford, planned and executed a well attended Mother-Daughter affair for our girls, ages 6—11. A "Missionary Kid", Mrs. Tom Warren, presented slides of her birthplace, Africa, and told the girls and their mothers and leaders of her young years in Africa. Penelope GA's were hostess and everyone had a grand time.

Mrs. James Glenn has been assisting the Baptist Women groups; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook has given us much appreciated leadership with the Baptist Young Women since Mrs. Al Andrews left our association; and Mrs. Barbara Bowman, Missions Friend Director, has given her help where needed with our preschool children. These dedicated and capable women are giving of their training and talents to the missionary age-level organizations in the Association. Mrs. Bob Hillard, incoming Associational WMU Director, will take over the reins after our April annual session and we pledge her our prayers, cooperation and loyal following.

Miss Helen Cater, Promotional Secretary and Mrs. Ronda Russell, Secretary-Treasurer, have been our loyal and capable helpers and we appreciate their assistance.

Our year closed with a good turn-out for our Leadership Conference held at Newton, First Church. We pray that our age-level conferences, led by our Associational officers and helpers will bear good fruit in the area of missionary education in the churches of our association.

"Laborers together with God" is a worthy watchword and our prayer is that our women will continue to labor with God, be led by the Holy Spirit, and be available at all times to be channels through whom He can work.

In Memoriam

CATAWBA—Mrs. H. A. Witherspoon

CLAREMONT, FIRST—Mrs. Ernest Dove

CORINTH—Mrs. Gordon Fulbright, Mrs. Howard Keener, Mrs. C. C. Propst, Mr. Fidel Singleton,
Mrs. Cora Vanhorn, Mrs. George Leatherman, Mr. Creighton Mullinax

FAIRGROVE—Mrs. James Davis

EAST HICKORY—Mr. Bobby Kilby, G. Wayne DeHart (Deacon), Mr. Earl South

HICKORY, FIRST—Mr. David Allen, Mrs. Clara Moody, Dr. D. B. Rollins, Mr. Harry M. Barger,
Mr. H. L. Bost, Sr., Mr. J. Ernest Barger, Mrs. D. A. White, Mr. Corbin, L. Greene, Mr. Glenn
W. Hudson, Mr. Claude Thomasson, Mrs. J. L. Leach, Mr. C. C. Clontz, Mr. T. C. Duncan, Dr.
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WEST HICKORY—Mr. Roy N. Huffman, Mr. W. F. Hollar, Mr. T. W. Shell, Mrs. John R. Pierce,
Mrs. Ed Shell, Mrs. E. D. Melvin, Sr., Mr. M. P. Prescott, Mrs. John Shambley, Mr. Lloyd
Thompson, Mr. June R. Teague, Mrs. Dock Elrod, Mr. Frank Rowe, Mr. Gordon Elrod

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HILDEBRAN, FIRST—Mrs. Buoy Hicks, Mrs. Edgar Cline, Miss Corrie Bridge Mr. Frank Carswell, Mr. Lee Roy Carswell
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LAKEVIEW—Mrs. Hilton (Sadie) Bowles
LONGVIEW—Mrs. Oddie Cook
MOUNTAIN GROVE—Mr. Deeward Huffman, Mrs. Lena Leatherman
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OXFORD—Mrs. J. W. Schronce
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WARLICK'S—Mr. John Chapman, Mr. Bill Icard, Mr. Walter Williams
WINKLER'S GROVE—Mr. J. C. Keller, Mrs. Henry Agner, Mrs. Hannah Sawyer, Mr. Gordon Barnes, Mrs. Vertie Edwards
WOODLAWN—Mr. Sam Webb, Mrs. J. S. Williams, Mrs. Roy McGarr

Church Directory

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of the association are contained in Statistical Table A.

FULL TIME ASSISTANT PASTORS, EDUCATIONAL, MUSIC DIRECTORS, ORGANISTS, SECRETARIES

Name	Address	Church	Work
Berry, Mrs. Robert	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Church Secretary
Berry, Miss Sheila	Box 142, Icard	Icard	Church Secretary
Brown, Charles R.	1240 2 St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Music
Byler, Rev. David O.	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Music
Castelloe, Rev. Raleigh	First Baptist Ch., Newton	Newton, First	Ass't Pastor/Ed/Youth
Cook, Mrs. Lewis	Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory	Sandy Ridge	Church Secretary
Craig, J. Harold	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Music/Education
Crawford, Miss Linda	316 W. 21 St., Newton	North Newton	Music/Ed Youth
Deal, Mrs. Robert	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Organists/Secy
Dean, Rev. John C.	828 9 Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Ass't Pastor/Educ.
De Hart, Mrs. H. J., Jr.	Box 743, Conover	Woodlawn	Church Secretary
Drum, Mrs. Mack	First Baptist Ch., Newton	Newton, First	Church Secretary
Headrick, Mrs. Paul	316 W. 21 St., Newton	North Newton	Church Secretary
Hill, Jesse G., Jr.	1246 2 St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Education/Youth
Johnson, Mrs. Benny	Box 671, Hildebran	Hildebran, First	Church Secretary

Lail, Mrs. Ronald	40 12 St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Church Secretary
Lineberger, Edgar L.	40 12 St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Music/Education
McDaniel, Mrs. Michael	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Pastor's Secretary
Mull, Mrs. Jane	Rt. 7, Box 57, Hildebran	Winklers Grove	Church Secretary
Nichols, Mrs. Phyllis	1514 N. Deal Ave., Newton	Calvary (N)	Church Secretary
Phillips, Larry R.	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Ass't Pastor/Youth
Rhyne, Mrs. Ted	1246 2 St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Church Secretary
Roark, Mrs. Betty	Rt. 6, Box 417, Hickory	Springs Road	Church Secretary
Robbins, Mrs. Larna	828 9 Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Church Secretary
Schronce, Mrs. Randy	Box 273, Newton	East 1st St. (N)	Church Secretary
Smith, Mrs. Clyde F.	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Financial Secretary
Stewart, Mrs. Jeniel	Rt. 9, Box 729, Hickory	Lakeview	Church Secretary
Suggs, Rev. Julian S., III	828 9 Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Music/Youth
Ward, Mrs. Henry	130 16 St. SE, Hickory	East Hickory	Church Secretary
Whisnant, Mrs. Dean	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Church Secretary

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES OF THE THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

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Bryant, Wade (I), Rt. 4, Box 58, Hickory 28601		Penelope
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Castelloe, Raleigh (AP), 721 S. College Ave., Newton 28658.		Newton, First
Compton, J. D. (R), 1934 11 Ave. SE, Hickory 28601		Hickory, First
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Connell, Lynn (I), Box 1556, Hickory 28601		Viewmont
Connor, D. S. (R), Rt. 4, Hickory 28601		Providence
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Dean, John C. (AP), 761 23 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601		Highland
Denton, H. M. (Ch.), Rt. 9, Box 33, Hickory 28601.		Highland
Haas, Luther (I), Granite Falls 28630.		Winkler's Grove
Helton, Clyde (I), Box 234, Hickory 28601.		Longview
Hemphill, Fritz D. (R), 1221 12 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601.		West Hickory
Hicks, Fred (I), Box 434, Hickory 28601.		Hickory, First
Lafone, Berry (I), Rt. 2, Box 109, Hickory 28601		Springs Road
Melvin, William E. (I), Rt. 9, Box 962, Hickory 28601.		Highland
Penley, Dr. Larry (I), Rt. 8, Hickory 28601.		Mountain Grove
Phillips, Larry (AP), 2090 25 St. Dr. NE, Hickory 28601		Hickory, First
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Price, J. Louis (R), 2820 1 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601		West Hickory
Revels, Albert (I), 424 25 St. SW, Hickory 28601.		Longview
Rhodes, Joe C. (I), 105 Ann Ave., Newton 28658.		North Newton
Robinson, Earnest C. (I), Rt. 2, Box 901, Hickory 28601.		Sandy Ridge
Sims, Samuel E. (E), 609 5 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601.		Hickory, First
Smith, E. B. Jr. (I), Rt. 9, Box 552, Hickory 28601		Highland
Smith, J. Max (I), Box 96, Hildebran 28637.		Icard
Starnes, Ted L. (I), Route 6, Hickory 28601.		Sandy Ridge
Suggs, Julian S. (MM), 878 8 St. NE, Hickory 28601		Highland
Walker, Alvin A. (R), Box 876, Newton 28658.		Newton, First

LICENSED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES

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Berry, Lawrence R., Catawba 28609		Catawba
Brendle, Timothy T., Rt. 2, Claremont 28610.		Viewmont

Camp, Ray, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest	Highland
Cook, Eugene, Rt. 7, Box 286, Hickory 28601	Winklers Grove
Curtis, Harry, Box 27, Rhodhiss 28667	Wayside
Deal, Robert, 616 3 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Greenway, Ellis, Box 948, Wake Forest	Penelope
Kistler, Billy, 1740 2 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	Unity
Robbins, Franklin, Jr., Rt. 3, Box 120-D, Granite Falls 28630	Highland
Sigmon, Michael, Box 651, Louisville, Ky. 40206	Penelope
Teague, Donald, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 136, Newton 28658	Providence
Williams, Clifford C., 1620-B Penn Ave., Hendersonville 28739	East 1st St.

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

Church	Name	Address
East 1st Street.....	Dan J. Spears,	Box 123, Nesmith, S. C.
Icard.....	Rick Carreno,	1705 Falmouth Way, Modesto, Calif. 95350
Newton, First.....	Dwaine Coley,	Wallace Baptist Church, Wallace, N. C. 28466

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

Church	Name	Address
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MISSIONS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

none

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

Church	Mission	Address
Viewmont.....	Flynn Christian Fellowship Home,	706 Main Ave. SE, Hickory 28601
Viewmont.....	NurseCare Center,	220 12 Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601
Woodlawn	Catawba Valley Rest Home,	Conover 28613

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

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Catawba	Mrs. Allen Oxford,	Rt. 2, Box 169-C, Claremont 28610
Central.....	Mrs. Carolyn Vaughan,	Rt. 2, Box 600, Connelly Springs 28612
Corinth.....	Mrs. C. F. Rudisill,	Rt. 8, Box 587, Hickory 28601
East 1st Street.....	Mrs. Wilburn Hooks,	Rt. 2, Box 138-D, Newton 28658
Fairgrove	Mrs. Debbie Byles,	Rt. 6, Hickory 28601
Hickory, First	Mrs. C. Spurgeon Young,	196 23 St. NW, Hickory 28601
West Hickory.....	Mrs. Joe Brown,	145 34 St. NW, Hickory 28601
Highland	Mrs. Trinton Hooks,	2121 25 St. Dr. NE, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First.....	Miss Ann Huffman,	Rt. 1, Box 146, Connelly Springs 28612
Icard.....	Mrs. Ed Swann,	Box 4, Icard 28666
Lakeview	Jeff Reeves,	Rt. 2, Box 78', Hickory 28601
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Glenn Herman,	Rt. 8, Box 768, Hickory 28601
Newton, First.....	James E. Britt,	122 Pinehurst Lane, Newton 28658
North Newton	Mrs. Monty Moore,	Rt. 1, Box 110-A1, Maiden 28658
Penelope	Mrs. Larry Huffman,	Box 385, Hickory 28601
Providence.....	Miss Janice Rudisill,	Rt. 1, Box 433, Hickory 28601
Sandy Ridge.....	Mrs. Lewis Cook,	Rt. 3, Box 256, Granite Falls 28630

Startown.....	Mrs. Clyde Saunders, Rt. 1, Box 54-A, Newton	28658
Temple.....	Miss Janet Brackett, Rt. 3, Box 300, Hickory	28601
Viewmont.....	Mrs. Wesley Dockery, 730 6 St. NW, Hickory	28601
Warlick's	Mrs. Jewel Smith, Rt. 1, Valdese	28690
Winkler's Grove	Mrs. Darlene Winkler, 715 23 St. NW, Apt. 4, Hickory	28601
Woodlawn	Mrs. Bob Mize, 610 2 Ave. Pl. NE, Conover	28613

ORGANISTS

Church	Name	Address
Calvary (H)	Mrs. June Marr, Rt. 7, Hickory	28601
Calvary (N)	Mrs. Doris Hurley, 214 W. 18 St., Newton	28658
Catawba	Mrs. Carolyn Pendergrass, Box 448, Catawba	28609
Central	Miss Martha Eggers, Box 175, Hildebran	28637
Claremont, First	Charlie Wike, Rt. 1, Catawba	28609
Corinth.....	Mrs. Harold Whitener, Box 2033, Hickory	28601
East First Street	Mrs. Vernon Lyda, 212 Davis Ave., Newton	28658
Fairbrook.....	Mrs. Chloe Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 546-D, Newton	28658
Fairgrove	Miss Ada Smith, Rt. 6, Hickory	28601
East Hickory	Mrs. Earl Suddeth, Rt. 5, Hickory	28601
First, Hickory	Mrs. Robert Deal, 616 3 Ave. NW, Hickory	28601
West Hickory.....	Mrs. Larry K. Rhoney, 2119 4 Ave. NW, Hickory	28601
Highland	Miss Eucella Hamilton, Box 186, Hickory	28601
Hildebran, Frist.....	Mrs. Lucille Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 780, Connelly Springs	28612
Icard.....	Mrs. Jim Jacumin, Box A, Icard	28666
Lakeview	Mrs. Howard Barnes, 441 28 Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory	28601
Longview	Mrs. Juanita Newton, 305 32 St. Pl. SW, Hickory	28601
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Charles L. Huffman, Rt. 8, Box 758, Hickory	28601
Newton, First.....	Mrs. Charles B. Craig, 712 7 Ave. SW, Conover	28613
North Newton	Miss Susan Keener, Box 635, Newton	28658
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Penelope	Mrs. Mayo Weaver, Box 1566, Hickory	28601
Providence.....	Mrs. Kathleen Brittain, Rt. 4, Box 396, Hickory	28601
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Warlick's	Miss Valerie Hendrix, Rt. 1, Valdese	28690
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Highland	Jerry Frye, 2273 9 Ave. Dr. NE, Hickory	28601
Hildebran, Frist.....	Wayne Young, Hildebran	28637
Icard.....	Jim Jacumin, Box A, Icard	28666

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 28658
 Oxford Gene Vallini, Rt. 2, Box 493, Connelly Springs
 28612
 Penelope Don Smith, Rt. 7, Box 81, Hickory 28601
 Providence..... Mrs. Harold Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 433, Hickory 28601
 Springs Road..... Jack Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 280-A, Conover 28613
 Viewmont..... Jesse G. Hill, Jr., 1051 17 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601
 Warlick's Ronnie Hastings, Rt. 2, Box 520, Connelly Springs
 28612
 Winkler's Grove Charles Abee, Love Lady Rd., Valdese 28690

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

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West Hickory.....	Robert Carswell,	408 25 St. NW, Hickory 28601
Newton, First.....	Bobby E. Robinson,	1520 Brentwood Dr., Newton 28601
Viewmont.....	Albert A. Young,	Rt. 5, Box 615, Hickory 28601
Warlick's	Roscoe Huffman,	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612
Winkler's Grove	Willard Cline,	Rt. 7, Box 89, Hickory 28601

Historical Table

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First; Hildebran, First	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	V. C. Martin
1957	West Hickory; Mtn. Grove	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	O. Jack Murphy
1958	Viewmont; Providence	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	James Helvey, Jr.
1959	Catawba; Hickory, First	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	B. R. Holbrook
1960	East Hickory; Viewmont	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	Albert A. Young
1961	Penelope	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Matt L. Hastings
1962	Warlick's	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Jack L. Falls
1963	Newton, First; Highland	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	Frank H. Thomas
1964	Hickory, First; Corinth	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	J. Roy Robinson
1965	Hildebran, First; Central	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	James R. Rowles, Jr.
1966	Viewmont; Providence	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	Harold A. Savell
1967	Icard; North Newton	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	Wayne V. Riddle
1968	Catawba; West Hickory	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	L. Vernon Connell
1969	Springs Road; Winklers Grove	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Roy Beals
1970	East Hickory; Lakeview	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Ted L. Starnes
1971	Sweetwater; Penelope	Gerald C. Goodwin	Miss Helen Cater	Harvey Laughter
1972	Highland; Longview	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	Wray G. Barrett
1973	Providence; Woodlawn	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	William J. Furr

TABLE C TRAINING UNION										1973								
Association THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION																		
State NORTH CAROLINA																		
Associational Training Union Director GARY WHITENER																		
Address Route 4, Box 354 Hickory North Carolina Zip 28601																		
CHURCHES					TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES													
Brookford Calvary (H)	Mrs. Neil Stepp, 1691 S. Center St., Hickory 28601	3	7	5	13	Adult enrollment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	Senior Adult or retirement (60 and over or retirement and over)	General officers enrollment	Enrolment of mission(s) of church	Total Training Union ongoing enrollment	Average weekly Church Training attendance	Registration	Completed	New Member Orientation	Church Leader Training	Member Training Projects		
Calvary (N)	Tommy Crump, 2515 13 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601	6	9	15		12	25	3		70	26							
Catawba Central	None																	
Central	James Vaughan, Rt. 2, Box 600, Connelly Springs 28612	5	27	21	3	31	1	2		90	50							
Claremont, First	Mrs. V. C. Martin, Box 507, Claremont 28610	16	17	8	11	15		2		69	61							
Corinth	Mrs. Bill Fox, Rt. 3, Box 382-A, Vale 28168	4	11	14	10	13		3		55	40							
East First St., (N)	Larry Travis, 19 N. Davis Ave., Newton 28658	16	30	16	11	23	8	2		106	100							
Emmanuel Fairbrook	(Letter not received)																	
Fairbrook	Thomas Shelton, Rt. 3, Box 268, Newton 28658		7	5	7	17		2		38	25							
Fairgrove	None																	
Hickory, East	K. N. Huston, Rt. 9, Hickory 28601	6	16	25	2	22	10	4		85	51							
Hickory, First	David M. Moore, 1110 16 Ave., Pl. NW, Hickory 28601	11	21	36	30	20	5	5		103	99	22	22	40	40	1		
Hickory, West Highland	(To be elected)	6	33	58				4		126	50	19	19					
Hildebran, First	None																	
Icard	Larry Huffman, Hildebran 28637	9	18	10	28	28	8	1		102	77	7	7					
Lakeview	Melvin Newton, Box 527, Hildebran 28637	6	30	25	10	16	6	3		96	58	9	9		31	28		
Longview	None																	
Mountain Grove	Leonard Tolbert, Box 1632, Hickory 28601	11	5	23	10	14		4		46	29	10	10					
Newton, First	Mrs. Hugh J. Whitener, Rt. 8, Box 175, Hickory 28601	29	22	51	28	26		3		86	55	25	25					
Newton, North	Jim E. Wilson, 2034 N. Deal Ave., Newton 28658	4	6	21	21	16		6		134	83							
Oxford	Jones Sheets 306 Thomas Dr., Newton 28658	12	16	12	12	16	16	2		49	32	23	13					
Penelope Providence	J. J. Black, Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover 28613	8	35	61	10	35	16	2		58	41							
Sandy Ridge	Harold Childres, Rt. 2, Box 627, Connelly Springs 28612	7	9	8	13	16	5	4		169	48							
Spring Road	Mrs. Helen Asherbranner Rt. 8, Hickory 28601	7	21	23	20	25	3	4		65	40							
Startown	Eugene Bryant, 327 18th St. Pl. SW, Hickory 28601	15	31	20	4	23	25	3		103	63	32	32					
Sweetwater	Larry Surratte, Rt. 1, Box 68-L5, Conover 28613	7	2	17	5	11	2	3		117	58	4	4					
Temple	Arnold Putman, Rt. 1, Box 343, Maiden 28650	7	7	17	11	15	1	2		54	24							
Unity	Ed Street, Rt. 6, Hickory 28601	11	18	24	11	20	3	2		89	45							
Warlick's Wayside	Robert Whisnant, 2336 13 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601																	
Winklers Grove	None	18	19	35		37	10	5		114	57	10	7		57	30		
Woodlawn	Jerry Cox, 379 19 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601		8	16		12		3		49	20							
	Mrs. Homer Goodman, Box 224, Rhodhiss 28667																	
	None	6	27	20	7	22		5		87	65							
	Mrs. Nancy Allen, 3568 1 Ave., Cl., NW, Hickory 28601	15	16	13		22		3		69	41	45	39					
	Paul Headrick, Box 108, Conover 28613																	
	TOTALS	238	488	610	205	533	128	94		2296	1388	206	187	40	40	1	88	58

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC										1973				
Association														
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION														
State														
NORTH CAROLINA														
Associational Music Director														
HENDLEY ELLINGTON														
Address		City		State		Zip								
549 N. Center St.		Hickory		North Carolina		28601								
CHURCHES		MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES												
Brookford	Miss Muriel Simpson, 2391 S. Center St., Hickory 28601													
Calvary (H)	John Marr, Rt. 7, Hickory 28601													
Calvary (N)	Mrs. Bill Holisclaw, 1516 N. Deal Ave., Newton 28658													
Catawba	Mrs. Sandra Beatty, Rt. 2, Box 60-AA, Statesville 28677													
Central	Edwin Jenks, Rt. 2, Box 155, Lincolnton 28092													
Claremont, First	None													
Corinth	Harold Whitener, Box 2833, Hickory 28601													
East First St. (N)	Charles Taylor, 1506 N. Frye, Newton 28658													
Emmanuel	(Letter not received)													
Fairbrook	Francis Henry, 210 W. 20½ St., Newton 28658													
Fairgrove	Kenneth Hass, Rt. 2, Hickory 28601													
Hickory, East														
Hickory, First	David O. Byler, 616 N. Center St., Hickory 28601													
Hickory, West	Edgar L. Lineberger, 1135 Main Ave. Dr. NW, Hickory 28601													
Highland	Julian S. Suggs, 878 S. St. NE, Hickory 28601													
Hildebran, First	Larry Abernethy, Rt. 4, Box 832, Hickory 28601													
Icard	John E. Mode, Hildebran 28637													
Lakeview	Louis R. Robinson, 533 18th St. NW, Hickory 28601													
Longview	Leonard Tolbert, Box 1632, Hickory 28601													
Mountain Grove	Clarence Roberts, Box 2553, Hickory 28601													
Newton, First	Charles B. Craig, 712 7 Ave. SW, Conover 28613													
Newton, North	Linda Crawford, Rt. 3, Box 374, Statesville 28677													
Oxford	Mrs. Charles Curtis, Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover 28613													
Penelope	J. Harold Craig, 3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory 28601													
Providence	Buddy Whitener, Rt. 8, Box 540, Hickory 28601													
Sandy Ridge	Lloyd D. Pittman, Box 1286, Hickory 28601													
Springs Road	Carroll Cooke, Rt. 1, Stanley 28164													
Startown	Dillon Cannon, Rt. 1, Box 21-C, Hickory 28601													
Sweetwater	Mrs. Frances Clontz, Rt. 3, Box 445, Hickory 28601													
Temple	Mrs. Smoot Baker, 825 S. St. Dr. SE, Hickory 28601													
Unity	Fly Hollar, Rt. 7, Box 186, Hickory 28601													
Viewmont	Charles R. Brown, Rt. 9, Box 214, Hickory 28601													
Warlick's	Mrs. Verz Knox, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612													
Wayside	Mrs. Ed Cook, Rt. 7, Box 796, Hickory 28601													
Winkler's Grove	Willard Cline, Rt. 7, Box 89, Hickory 28601													
Woodlawn	Carl Pickel, Box 442, Conover 28613													
TOTALS		133	552	537	927	70	92	90	197				1849	43

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TABLE E WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION															1973	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110							
Association THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION																Enrollment																					
State NORTH CAROLINA																Number of Organizations																					
Associational WMU Director MRS. ROSE W. WOLFF																Total number of organizations																					
Address 421 First Avenue, N. W.																Mission Friends (5 years and under—not in school)																					
City Hickory																Girls in Action (6-11 years or grades 1-6)																					
State North Carolina																Acteens (12-17 years or grades 7-12)																					
Zip 28601																Baptist Young Women (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)																					
WMU DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES																Baptist Women (30 and over)																					
CHURCHES																Mission(s) of church																					
Brookford Calvary (H)	None															1	2	1				5	12	16	9												
Calvary (N)	Mrs. Leona Lynch, 1206 2 St. SE, Conover 28613																						1														
Catawba Central	None															1	2	1				5	8	20	12												
Claremont, First	Mrs. Ellen Hildebran, Box 67, Hildebran 28637																					1															
Corinth	Mrs. Guy Lowman, Rt. 2, Box 18-B, Claremont 28610															1	1	1				3	9	8	3												
East First St. (N)	Mrs. B. R. Holbrook, Rt. 3, Box 26, Vale 28168															1	1	1				4	5	8	16												
Emmanuel	Mrs. A. J. Stafford, 1602 Thomas Ave., Newton 28658															1	2	1				5	5	12	10												
Fairbrook	Letter not received																																				
Fairgrove	Mrs. Wanda Mull, Rt. 3, Box 173, Hickory 28601															1	1	1				4	5	6	4												
Hickory, East	None															1	1	1				2	2	8	6												
Hickory, First	Mrs. Lindsey Miller, 57 13 St., Hickory 28601															1	1	1				4	2	8	10												
Hickory, West	Mrs. C. Van Teague, 615 N. Center St., Hickory 28601															3	5	4	1			16	36	50	47												
Highland	Mrs. James Coble, 354 17 St. NW, Hickory 28601															1	1	1				4	5	12	14												
Hildebran, First	Mrs. John C. Dean, 761 23 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601															1	5	1				8	19	44	30												
Icard	Mrs. Ray Childers, Box 467, Hildebran 28637															1	2	2				5	8	18	19												
Lakeview	Mrs. Vernon Daugherty, Box 33, Icard 28666															1	2	1				6	5	25	15												
Longview	Mrs. W. K. Hovis, 51 29 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601															1	2	1				5	2	15	8												
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Gale Tolbert, Newton 28658															1	1	1				4	5	8	10												
Newton, First	Mrs. Carroll Price, Rt. 1, Box 241, Hickory 28601															1	1	1				4	12	42	8												
Newton, North	Mrs. James E. Britt, 220 Pinehurst Lane, Newton 28658															2	2	1				7	27	28	10												
Oxford	Mrs. Jones Sheets, 306 Thomas Dr., Newton 28658															1	2	1	1			5	8	8	11												
Penelope	Mrs. Gerald Pope, Rt. 4, Box 246, Conover 28613															1	1	1				3	3	16	7												
Providence	Mrs. James Rowles, 3224 Main Ave. NW, Hickory 28601															1	1	1				4	8	30	24												
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Kathleen Brittain, Rt. 4, Box 396, Hickory 28601															1	1	1				3	7	4	4												
Springs Road	Mrs. Homer F. Greene, Rt. 6, 1005, Hickory 28601															1	2	2				6	14	15	10												
Startown	Mrs. Wray Barrett, Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory 28601															1	2	1	1			6	12	15	20												
Sweetwater	Mrs. Lois Wilkinson, Rt. 1, Box 11, Newton 28658															1	1	1	1			4	4	6	5												
Temple	Mrs. Linda Roberts, Rt. 2, Random Woods, Hickory 28601															1	1	1				4	2	4	4												
Unity	Mrs. Jack Franklin, 2230 15 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601															2	2	1				6	16	15	9												
Viewmont	Mrs. Robert Conley, 514 26 St. NW, Hickory 28601																					1	1	13	10												
Warlick's	to be elected															2	2	2				7	27	14	10												
Wayside	Mrs. Carolyn Hastings, 1840 4 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601																1	1	1			3	5	10	8												
Winkler's Grove	None															1	2	1	1			6	10	15	21												
Woodlawn	Mrs. Lillian Rowell, Rt. 7, Box 58, Hickory 28601															1	1	1	1			5	18	10	5												
TOTALS																30	51	34	7	32	1	155	287	490	350		89	1018	153	55	2403						

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TABLE F BROTHERHOOD										1973	
Association											
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION											
State											
NORTH CAROLINA											
Associational Brotherhood Director											
Address											
City										State	
Zip											
CHURCHES	BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES										
Brookford	None										
Calvary (H)	None										
Calvary (N)	Ed Warren, 711 S. Dale Ave., Newton 28658	20									
Catawba	None	15	8								
Central	Alford Crow, Rt. 2, Box 599-A, Connelly Springs 28612										
Claremont, First	Henry C. Lawrence, Box 194, Conover 28613										
Corinth	None										
East First St. (N)	Clarence Wilson, Rt. 3, Box 365, Newton 28658	12	8								
Emmanuel	Letter not received										
Fairbrook	Francis Henry, 210 W. 20½ St., Newton 28658	12									
Fairgrove	Lloyd Townsend, Rt. 2, Conover 28613	4	11								
Hickory, East	Earl Suddeth, Rt. 5, Hickory 28601	14	5								
Hickory, First	Dr. J. Thomas Foster, 723 15 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	20	21								
Hickory, West	None	10	10								
Highland	Jerry H. Cates, 1901 12 St. NE, Hickory 28601	18	13								
Hildebran, First	B. J. Abernethy, Box 195, Hildebran 28637	12	8								
Icard	Robert Huffman, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612	20	12								
Longview	Clyde Helton	8	6								
Mountain Grove	Glenn Wilson, Rt. 8, Box 175, Hickory 28601	12	15								
Newton, First	Bill Mangrum, 825 W. 6 St. CL, Newton 28658	23									
Newton, North	Joe Bowman, Rt. 3, Conover 28613	8	8								
Oxford	None										
Penelope	Paul Bollinger, Rt. 2, Box 684, Connelly Spr. 28612		15								
Providence	None	9	8								
Sandy Ridge	None	48	15								
Springs Road	Bill Holland, Rt. 1, Box 145, Conover 28613										
Startown	Eugene Ledford, Rt. 4, Box 212, Newton 28658	29	8								
Sweetwater	Bobby Worrell, 409 Rowe Dr., Newton 28658	5	4								
Temple	Leon Griffin, Box 1471, Hickory 28601	11									
Unity	James Thomas, Rt. 7, Box 186, Hickory 28601										
Viewmont	None	18	12								
Warlick's	Andrew Hastings, 1840 4 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	4	5								
Wayside	None										
Winkler's Grove	Joe Brown, 107 16 St. NW, Hickory 28601	20	6								
Woodlawn	John Greene, Random Hills, Conover 28613	12	5								
	TOTALS	374	203	77	21	424	41		35		1175

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TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP																	1973
Association THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION																	
	State																
	NORTH CAROLINA																
	Associational Treasurer																
FRELON W. BROOME																	
Address																	
345 7th Ave. Pl. N. W. Hickory North Carolina Zip 28601																	
TREASURERS & ADDRESSES																	
CHURCHES																	
Brookford	Mrs. Katie Parker, 1728 2nd St. SW, Hickory 28601																
Calvary (H)	Guy Huffman, 719 19th St. SW, Hickory 28601	20	x			19017	24034										
Calvary (N)	Brooks Nichols, 1514 N. Deal Ave., Newton 28658		x		008		36706	854									
Catawba	Mrs. Janice Bumgarner, Box 177, Catawba 28609	25			9	26754											
Central	Carroll Eckard, Rt. 2, Box 953, Connelly Spgs. 28612	100	x		10	64444	1543										
Claremont, First	Mrs. Ross J. Little, Rt. 1, Box 467, Claremont 28610	41	x			20751	604										
Corinth	Charles Anthony, Rt. 3, Box 35-A, Vale 28168	50	x		17	37145											
East First St. (N)	Gene Hass, Box 384, Newton 28658	155	x		13	47875	29500										
Emmanuel	(Letter not received)																
Fairbrook	Mrs. George Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 546-D, Newton 28658	24				16223											
Fairgrove	Charles R. Shook, 605 8th St. SW, Conover 28613	20	x			19567											
Hickory, East	Parks Rogers, 933 14 St. SE, Hickory 28601	150		x	10	81086											
Hickory, First	Dewey V. Wright, 316 25 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	251		x	22	338981	3425										
Hickory, West	Mrs. Ronald C. Lail, 40 12th St. NW, Hickory 28601	300		x	25	113831	222										
Highland	A. C. Ogren, 829 Main Ave. NE, Hickory 28601	250	x		20	173412	2100										
Hildebran, First	Frank Johnson, Box 391, Hildebran 28637	120	x		105	63239	1190										
Icard	Mrs. Amos Lingerfelt, Box 245, Icard 28666	120	x		8 1/2	67540	169										
Lakeview	Robert H. Bowles, Rt. 10, Box 70, Hickory 28601	40	x		24	59864											
Longview	Fred Cochran, 752 8th St. SW, Hickory 28601	31		x	4	21609											
Mountain Grove	Eddie Whitener, Rt. 8, Box 58, Hickory 28601	75		x		62139											
Newton, First	J. R. Roberts, 718 Westside Dr., Newton 28658	345	x		10	104234											
Newton, North	Ed. Parkhurst, 1820 N. College Ave., Newton 28658	113		x	10	73552	504										
Oxford	Mrs. Charles Curtis, Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover 28613	49	x		12	24258											
Penelope	Mrs. Jerry Abernathy, Rt. 7, Box 530, Hickory 28601	385		x	18	171457	1197										
Providence	Gary Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 354, Hickory 28601		x			32352											
Sandy Ridge	James C. Harmon, Rt. 9, Box 235, Hickory 28601	75			10	69087											
Springs Road	Ray Lafone, Rt. 2, Box 136, Hickory 28601	90			12	71507											
Startown	Arnold Putman, Rt. 1, Box 343, Maiden 28650	36			10	23700											
Sweetwater	Johnny Clontz, Rt. 3, Box 445, Hickory 28601	20	x		8	16557											
Temple	Richard Brittain, Rt. 9, Box 804, Hickory 28601	70	x		12	54925											
Unity	Robert H. Conley, 514 26th St. NW, Hickory 28601	37	x		6	22819											
Viewmont	Mrs. Lewis Withers, Rt. 6, Box 567, Hickory 28601	120			17	141858											
Warlick's	Mrs. Robert Ennis, Icard 28666	75		x	10	25981											
Wayside	Mrs. Barbara Brown, 1060 16th St. SE, Hickory 28601	11			6	10728											
Winkler's Grove	A. G. Mull, 417 25th St. SW, Hickory 28601	136				53894											
Woodlawn	John Fortner, Box 653, Conover 28613	100	x		10	93840											
TOTALS		3414	14	1	12		2284966	45003	2329969	137600	590389	234378	317589	48777	780897	1972030	

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TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES										1973	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145																				
Association											1733	Church Sponsored Missions			1734	OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES										1745																			
THERON RANKIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION												Sponsored	mission expenditures	mission expenditures		Cooperative Program	Associational missions program	Designated: State missions	Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong Easter offering)	Designated: SBC For. Miss. (incl. Lottie Moon Christmas offering)	Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)	Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)	Designated: Hospitals	Designated: Homes for the aged	Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temp. League, etc.)		Total other mission cause expenditures																		
NORTH CAROLINA																																													
MISS HELEN CATER																																													
Address												City		State													Zip										28601								
354 First Avenue, N. W. Hickory												Hickory		North Carolina													28601																		
CHURCHES										CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES																																			
Brookford														13760	60						5624	3698	1229	312	10923	24683																			
Calvary (H)															252						200	150	150	3000	3500	3500																			
Calvary (N)														2947	1800						106	62	60	100	1777	4724																			
Catawba														1800	185						435	93	56	1299	3099	3099																			
Central														3769	250						21	98	19	90	1642	5411																			
Claremont, First														145	80						65	40	43	30	495	640																			
Corinth														1500	260						280	161	119	194	3584	5084																			
East First St. (N)														5483	360						250	150	150	4885	8495	13978																			
Emmanuel																																													
Fairbrook														500	85						36	28	772	1021	1521	487																			
Fairgrove														100	45						30	10			387	9836																			
Hickory, East														6636	456						134	194	60	94	3200	82228																			
Hickory, First														53383	1900						1786	1226	1094	6095	28845	31573																			
Hickory, West														25850	916						357	290	5	60	5723	13357																			
Highland														23633	1164						419	975	100	6648	13357	36990																			
Hildebran, First														4500	489						240	110	110	699	5035	9535																			
Icard														5760	325						176	123	85	3508	7847	13607																			
Lakeview														9420	355						167	43	1	6	2131	11551																			
Longview														900	85						40	51	29	124	639	1539																			
Mountain Grove														2556	300						315	221	114	200	2324	4880																			
Newton, First														9000	747						4095	1463	129	1600	8646	17646																			
Newton, North														6094	506						147	129	64	869	2818	8912																			
Oxford														1551	95						20	20	20	256	1807	1807																			
Penelope														16590	584						463	266	91	2081	6600	23190																			
Providence														600	194						250	138	137	241	2450	3050																			
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Albert A. Young (1975) Board of Directors, Baptist Foundation Hickory
Donald E. Greene (1977) Trustee, Gardner-Webb College Hickory
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 Dean, John Pollack
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Mrs. Larry Penley, Assoc. Acteens Director Route 8, Hickory 28601
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IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, children's home, state or convention-wide agency or board within its borders.

2. There is no WMU, Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood or Music meeting during the sessions of our association. All these organizations meet at some other time. No minutes of their meetings were furnished the clerk for publication. Information on their work can be found in their reports to this body.

3. The calendar of activities of the association is being issued separately from this issue of the Annual.

4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of the Association and bear the name of the chairman only.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BROOKFORD (3) Mrs. Neal Stepp, H. F. Wallace, Mrs. H. F. Wallace (3 visitors)
 CALVARY, HICKORY (5) Rev. D. E. Couch, Sr., Pastor, John Asherbranner
 CALVARY, NEWTON (5) Rev. Fred Thompson, Pastor, M. L. Adair, Lucy Mauney, Mrs. J. L. Pate, Thelma Wagoner
 CATAWBA (4) Rev. Kenneth Page, Pastor, Miss Edna Danner, Mrs. Locke Rink, Mrs. Coyte Wike (4 visitors)
 CENTRAL (6) Rev. J. Bruce Walker, Pastor, Alford Crow, Jim Hutto, Donald Morton, Gail Morton (1 visitor)
 CLAREMONT, FIRST (4) Rev. V. C. Martin, Pastor, Ross J. Little, Mrs. V. C. Martin, James A. Pierce (4 visitors)
 CORINTH (6) Rev. B. R. Holbrook, Pastor, Mrs. Braskie Brown, Helen Dagenhardt, Mrs. Vincent Johnson, C. F. Rudisill, Velma Stallings (2 visitors)
 EAST FIRST STREET (5) Rev. Raymond H. Brown (Pastor) Mrs. Ivey Hass, Horace Mace, George Moses, Bright Tutherow
 EAST HICKORY (8) Rev. Joe D. Coltrane (Pastor) Bessie Canipe, Lois Canipe, Celia Friar, Mrs. Joe Franklin, Sarah Heffner, Sidney E. Tanner
 FAIRBROOK (3) Rev. Fred Ellis, Horace A. Lail
 FAIRGROVE (4) Rev. Richard Fisher, Pastor, Mrs. Edward Parsons, Mrs. Lewis Weston
 HICKORY, FIRST (18) Frelon Broome, David O. Byler, B. V. Chamblee, Hendley Ellington, Mrs. Norma Lytle, Larry Phillips, Van Teague, Mrs. Rose Wolff (1 visitor)
 HIGHLAND (17) Rev. Roy Beals, Pastor, Mrs. Roy Beals, Vida Blackburn, Robert Christopher, Mrs. Robert Christopher, John C. Dean, Mrs. John Dean, W. B. Duncan, Mrs. W. B. Duncan, Mrs. Larna Robbins, Julian Suggs, V. H. White, Mrs. V. H. White

HILDEBRAN, FIRST (8) Dr. Ben A. Byrd, Jr., Pastor, J. P. Abernethy, Mrs. Raymond Burns, Mrs. Virgil Mosteller, Mrs. J. J. Temple
 ICARD (6) Rev. Harvey Laughter, Pastor, Clyde A. Deal, Kenneth Henesley
 LAKEVIEW (6) Rev. Walter L. Cooley, Pastor, Bill Mansberger, Mrs. Bill Mansberger, Lewis Robinson
 LONGVIEW (5) Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., Pastor, Fred Crump, Mrs. Fred Crump, Mrs. Glen Ramsey, Leonard Tolbert, Mrs. Leonard Tolbert (1 visitor)
 MOUNTAIN GROVE (7) Rev. Homer E. Bradey, Pastor, Mrs. Homer E. Bradey, John F. Hall, Mrs. R. K. Hildebran, Mrs. Eva Hildebran
 NEWTON, FIRST (11) Thelma Beard, James E. Britt, Mrs. James E. Britt, Mrs. Ray Burgess, Sherri Campbell, Raleigh Castelloe, Jr., Floyd Davis, Mrs. Floyd Davis, Mrs. Roy Lee Furr, Mrs. B. C. Hilton, Mrs. Onnie Smith, Alvin A. Walker (1 visitor)
 NORTH NEWTON (7) Rev. Bob Hillard, Pastor, Mrs. Ray Abernathy, Harold Ellis, Mrs. Bob Hillard, Joe C. Rhodes, Tony Upchurch, Mrs. Carrie Wilson (3 visitors)
 OXFORD (4) Rev. Bobby A. Langston, Pastor, J. J. Black, Joe Canipe, G. W. Dellinger (1 visitor)
 PENELOPE (13) Mrs. O. H. Cook, Harold Craig (1 visitor)
 PROVIDENCE (4) Mrs. Ruth Y. Abee, M. S. Brittain, Mrs. M. S. Brittain, Gary A. Whitener (1 visitor)
 SANDY RIDGE (7) Rev. Homer F. Greene, Pastor, Loyd Pittman, Mrs. Loyd Pittman, Claude Martin, Mrs. Mailon Nichols, Maxella Walsh, Christine Watts (6 visitors)
 SPRINGS ROAD (8) Annette Holland, Betty Roark, Bonnie Ward
 STARTOWN (3) Ralph Bass, W. R. Crouch, Oscar V. Herman (5 visitors)
 SWEETWATER (4) Rev. Gerald Alley, Pastor, Juanita Bruner, Vanda Buchanan, Earleen Lingerfelt
 TEMPLE (7) Dr. Smoot Baker, Pastor, Gene Lawhorne, R. M. McBride, Gene Swanson, Rose Whisnant, Mrs. A. C. Woody, J. E. Yount (7 visitors)
 UNITY (3) none
 VIEWMONT (15) Rev. Albert A. Young, Pastor, Charles Brown, Charles Knight, R. Tom Lundy, Mrs. Tom Lundy, Frank Miller, Mrs. Frank Miller, Frank Poovey, John Quinn, Charles V. Wells, Mrs. A. A. Young, Miss Myra Yount
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 WAYSIDE (3) Ed Cook, Mrs. Ed Cook, Edith McClellan (2 visitors)
 WEST HICKORY (12) Rev. H. Phillip King, Pastor, O. A. Buff, Miss Helen Cater, Mrs. J. E. Day, Mrs. Frank B. Deal, Mrs. H. Phillip King, Edgar Lineberger, J. Louis Price, Mrs. Lula Stallings, Mrs. Robert Teague
 WINKLER'S GROVE (9) Rev. Ray Walker
 WOODLAWN (6) Rev. Harold Threatt, Pastor, D. M. Brunson, Mrs. D. M. Brunson, Mrs. William R. Easterling, J. W. Perkins, Mrs. David Stewart (6 visitors)

Visitors from outside the Association—13

Youth Choir members (not registered)—50

Constitution

Adopted October 25, 1956

Article I. NAME

This body shall be known as the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objectives of the association.

Article V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 2. Special meetings of the association and/or the executive committee may be called upon request of any officer or committee of the association, or upon petition of a majority of the members of the executive committee, or like number of messengers to the past regular association meeting, provided that the intended purpose of the special business be stated in the announcements which shall be sent to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organization, i.e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

Article VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Director of Music, three Trustees, Publicity Chairman, Parliamentarian and Central Training School Director.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time, Place and Preacher, Christian Life, Evangelism, Constitution and By-Laws, Ordination, Enrollment, Associational Office and Central Training School Committee.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented to the churches in writing prior to May 1 preceding the Annual meeting.

By-Laws

Article I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals, and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

Article II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and/or Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with the exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Article III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating

Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee. However, vacancies occurring in the office of Moderator or Vice-Moderator between meetings of the Association shall be filled by the Executive Committee without nominations from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation, counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the second successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator. he shall preside in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify member churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings of their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal documents as directed by the association and/or the Executive Committee. They shall have the power under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property; both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administer the Scholarship fund. Their terms of office shall be for three years, with one trustee rotating off each year.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Section 10. The Publicity Chairman shall promote, through all available advertising media, all association activities.

Section 11. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Moderator, or other presiding officer, on any question of parliamentary procedure.

Section 12. The Central Training School Director shall in consultation with the Central Training School Committee establish the time, place and curriculum, special emphasis, special programs, and guest speakers for the Central Training School of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All Standing Committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the

messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committee, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the Association organizations; Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union and Music. These shall be selected by their respective organizations by May 1st of each year and their names submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and recommendation to the annual meeting of the Association. This does not preclude nominations from the floor. The Moderator will appoint a pastor advisor to work with the committee. Members of the Nominating Committee may not succeed themselves for a period of one year.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, the Pastor and one layman from each church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES: The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Tuesday following the third Sunday of the second month of each quarter. It shall make such recommendations at the annual meeting or special meetings as it shall consider to the best interest of the work. It shall make an annual report of its proceedings to the association which shall be included in the minutes of the association. It shall conduct the business of the association between the annual session, provided that no matter be initiated which is contrary to the prescribed policy of the association as set forth in the proceedings of its meetings. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association. It shall be empowered to elect such temporary committees as are necessary to effectively carry out the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers and the standing committees of the association, with the exception of the executive and nominating committees, and suggest the representative to the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. No person shall be nominated by the nominating committee for more than one elective office.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of six members. The Association Treasurer is ex-officio member of this committee. The committee is charged with the promotion of stewardship in the association. It will publicize widely and promote the various financial needs of the various phases of the Southern Baptist Convention's program at home and abroad. It shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget. The proposed budget and financial plans will be submitted to the churches for consideration fifty (50) days prior to the annual meeting. The committee shall audit the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting of the Association. The committee shall divide itself into two sub-committees of Stewardship and Auditing, in order to perform the duties set forth in this section of the By-Laws.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizens' Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Section 11. The Evangelism Committee shall consist of three members. It shall, under the direction of the executive committee, plan, promote and coordinate all association evangelistic activities.

Section 12. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five members. It shall, upon invitation of a member church and by direction of the moderator, assist in preparing and conducting the ordination services of candidates for the ministry.

Section 13. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws shall consist of three members. It shall review all proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations to the association as to their adoption or rejection. It shall, from time to time, submit such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws which it deems pertinent to the proper functioning of the association, its committees and organizations.

Section 14. The Enrollment Committee shall consist of a Chairman selected by the Nominating Committee and three associates from each of the host churches. This committee shall register the duly elected messengers to the annual meeting of the association, distinguished guests, etc. They shall provide each messenger with copies of the program and the book of reports. They shall provide for the care and comfort of the guests and messengers by advising them of the various facilities of the host church and location thereof. They shall provide for the notification of pastors, messengers and guests of emergency calls. They shall assist the Moderator and the Association Clerk as requested by them.

Section 15. The Association Office Committee shall consist of five members. It is responsible for the general oversight and supervision of the operation of the Association Office consistent with acceptable office practices. It shall prescribe the duties of the Promotional Secretary through a comprehensive job description. It shall make recommendations to the Finance Committee with reference to salary, expense account, retirement plans, hospitalization insurance, convention and assembly expense, vacation and related items of the Promotional Secretary of the Association. It shall recommend to the Finance Committee an office expense budget each year. It shall be responsible for the procurement of proper office equipment deemed needful for the efficient operation of the Association Office. It shall serve to mediate any misunderstanding which may arise between the churches and the Promotional Secretary, and likewise to assist the Promotional Secretary in his/her relationships with the churches of the Association. All matters related to the operation and functions of the Association Office will be referred to this committee for study and recommendation.

Section 16. The Central Training School Committee shall consist of the Central Training School Director, the Association Sunday School Superintendent, the Association Training Union Director, the Association WMU Director, the Association Brotherhood Director and the Association Music Director or their representative. This committee shall develop a comprehensive and progressive training school program embracing the main areas of religious education. They shall determine the curriculum of the annual training school, select the areas of special emphasis, select guest speakers and arrange for their care and comfort as guests of the association, arrange for general and special programs and features, as well as select the time and the location of the annual school and the members of the faculty thereof. They

shall submit a budget estimate for the operation of the school to the Finance Committee for consideration and inclusion in the annual association budget. All matters related to the operation, function, scope and mission of the Central Training School will be referred to this committee for study and final recommended action to the association.

Article V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days' notice has been given to each of the member churches.

Proceedings

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
THURSDAY AFTERNOON
Sandy Ridge Baptist Church
October 24, 1974

- 1. The Nineteenth annual session began at 4:00 p.m. with Loyd Pittman leading in singing the Hymn, "All Hail the Power." Mrs. Pittman was organist. Rev. Kenneth Page, Catawba Church, read Scripture from II Timothy and led in prayer. A quartet, Julian Suggs, Edgar Lineberger, Harold Craig and David Byler, sang "More Like Jesus Would I Be" and "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ."
- 2. Rev. Walter Cooley, Vice Moderator, presided in the absence of Moderator, Rev. William J. Furr, who had returned home that day from Baptist Hospital. Mr. James Britt served the sessions as parliamentarian. Mr. Cooley called the Nineteenth session to order for the purpose of conducting business and inspiration and instruction of member churches.
- 3. Dr. Smoot Baker, Chairman of the Program committee, presented the printed program which was adopted with necessary changes.

Program

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—OCTOBER 24
Sandy Ridge Baptist Church

- 4:00 Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" No. 132
Mr. Lloyd Pittman, leading
- Scripture and Prayer Rev. Kenneth Page
- Special Music Ministers of Music Quartet
- 4:10 ORGANIZATION OF SESSION
- Constitution of Nineteenth Annual Session
- Adoption of Order of Business Dr. Smoot Baker
- Welcome Rev. Homer F. Greene
- Introduction of New Pastors and Staff Members Rev. Bob H. Hillard
- Recognition of Visitors
- Report of Registration Mr. V. H. White
- Hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers" No. 412
Mr. Lloyd Pittman, leading
- 4:30 COMMITTEE, ORGANIZATION AND INSTITUTION REPORTS
- Nominating—Rev. J. Bruce Walker
- Central Training School—Rev. Harold Craig

Sunday School—Rev. Raleigh Castelloe
 Trustees—Mr. Wilson W. Aultman
 Association Office—Dr. R. F. Smith, Jr.
 Baptist Children's Homes—Rev. Rex Campbell
 Biblical Recorder
 Gardner—Webb College—

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

5:10 WORSHIP

Hymn "To God Be the Glory" No. 41
 Scripture and Prayer Rev. Homer Bradey
 Special Music Mrs. Harold Threatt
 Sermon Rev. Harold Threatt
 Benediction and Blessing Rev. Gerald Alley

6:00 DINNER

THURSDAY EVENING—OCTOBER 24
 Sandy Ridge Baptist Church

7:00 Hymn "Amazing Grace" No. 188
 Hendley Ellington, leading

Scripture and Prayer Rev. Ronald Kiser

Election of Officers

COMMITTEE, ORGANIZATION AND INSTITUTION REPORTS

Place and Preacher—Rev. B. R. Holbrook

Finance Committee—Mr. C. Van Teague

Treasurer—Mr. Frelon W. Broome

Evangelism—Rev. H. Phillip King

Church Training—Mr. Gary Whitener

Woman's Missionary Union—Mrs. Rose Wolff

Baptist Foundation of North Carolina—

Christian Action League of North Carolina—

8:05 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

8:10 CONCERT—YOUTH CHOIRS—Julian Suggs, directing
 (Highland, Lakeview, Sandy Ridge Churches)

Testimonies

9:00 Benediction

FRIDAY MORNING—OCTOBER 25
 Temple Baptist Church

9:30 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 99
 Rev. Harold Craig, leading

Scripture and Prayer Rev. Tom Lundy

Welcome Dr. Smoot Baker

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Resolutions Committee Mrs. William J. Furr

Special Music Ministers of Music Quartet

10:20 MEMORIAL SERVICE Mrs. Smoot Baker

10:30 A SHARING TIME (See back page)

11:05 WORSHIP

Hymn "Rescue the Perishing" No. 207
 Rev. Harold Craig, leading

Special Music Rev. David O. Byler
 "The Greatest of These Is Love"—Bitgood

11:15 Message:Dr. Eugene Poston, Gardner-Webb College
"Tongues (Speaking In), Faith Healing, Baptism of Holy Spirit, Demons"
Benediction and Blessing Moderator
12:00 LUNCH

Accompanists:

Thursday (Afternoon, Evening): Mrs. Lloyd Pittman, Sandy Ridge Church
Friday (Morning): Mrs. Carol Stewart, First Church, Hickory

4. The Host pastor, Rev. Homer Greene, extended a cordial welcome. Edgar Lineberger led the group in learning the theme song, "Share His Love."

5. Rev. Bob Hillard introduced new pastors, new staff members and their wives as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ellis, Minister of Music/Youth, North Newton; Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Page, Pastor, Catawba; Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Alley, Pastor, Sweetwater; Rev. Ronald Kiser, Associate Pastor, Sandy Ridge; Rev. and Mrs. Tom Lundy, Associate Pastor, Viewmont; absent were: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Tanner, Minister of Music/Youth, East Hickory; Rev. Carroll Craig, Pastor, Fairbrook.

6. Visitors from outside the association were recognized. Mr. V. H. White, registrar, reported 105 messengers, 23 visitors, from 30 churches had registered. Edgar Lineberger led in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

7. Rev. Bruce Walker, Chairman of the Nominating committee, presented their report which was adopted (as contained in this issue).

8. Harold Craig, director of Central Training School, reported on the 1974 school and told of plans for the February 10-12, 1975 school. In cooperation with the State Church Ministries and Training department, there will be Church Training leadership, Senior Adults, Christian Family Life, and Deacons and wives with Dr. and Mrs. J. Winston Pearce leading.

9. Rev. Raleigh Castelle, Sunday School director, emphasized the "Reach Out" program and November 17th, Celebration Sunday.

10. Rev. Harold Threatt, a member of the Association Office committee, presented the committee recommendation of a Job Description for the Promotional Secretary, which was adopted as contained in this issue.

11. Rev. Rex Campbell, Baptist Children's Homes staff, told of activities of the Home and of their new motion picture, "The Mountain Within."

12. Rev. Woodrow Hill, Biblical Recorder representative, stressed the importance of Christian literature.

13. Rev. Fred Thompson, chairman of the Special Study committee on an Emergency Child Care Home, gave a progress report and asked for more families to start Foster Home Care in their own homes. On motion by James Britt, the Executive committee was given the authority to act for the association in this matter.

14. Mrs. Allen Oxford spoke in support of the "Count the Children" (handicapped) in our County and State.

15. Rev. Homer Bradey, chairman of the Membership committee, presented their report. Since the Emmanuel church has withdrawn from the Association, we voted to accept their withdrawal request.

16. As we entered the worship period we sang "To God Be the Glory." Rev. Homer Bradey read Scripture and led in prayer. Mrs. Harold Threatt sang a medley including "He Touched Me" with Mrs. David Stewart accompanying at the piano.

Rev. Harold Threatt, pastor of Woodlawn Church, brought the annual sermon on "Compassionate Leadership" using scripture from Matthew 9:35-36.

Rev. Greene gave directions for serving the buffet meal. Rev. Gerald Alley, pastor at Sweetwater, led in the blessing and benediction.

17. A delicious meal was served.

THURSDAY EVENING, October 24
Sandy Ridge Baptist Church

18. Hendley Ellington, association Music director, led in singing "Amazing Grace." Rev. Ronald Kiser, associate Pastor of Sandy Ridge, read Scripture from I John 3 and led in prayer.

19. By motion from the floor, Rev. Homer Bradley was elected Moderator and Rev. Walter Cooley, Vice Moderator.

20. Mr. Cooley recognized Rev. and Mrs. Richard Smith, representing the Baptist State Convention and Mrs. Bob Riley from the Department of Communications who spoke briefly about the Communications Center.

21. Rev. B. R. Holbrook, chairman of the Place and Preacher committee, presented their report which was adopted as follows: That we meet with the Mountain Grove on Thursday and Central Church on Friday in October 1975. Should there be a change back to one day, we will meet with Mountain Grove in the morning and afternoon and with Central in the evening session.

For Preacher: Rev. Homer Greene with Rev. Bruce Walker as alternate.

22. C. Van Teague, chairman of the Finance committee, presented the budget for the new year, amount \$18,091.00, as contained in this issue which was adopted as printed.

23. Treasurer, F. W. Broome, reviewed the financial records for the past year. We recognized the services of auditor, Earl Melton, C.P.A.

24. Rev. H. Phillip King, chairman of Evangelism, told of plans for a conference on Evangelism November 3-7, 1975 with the Jack Taylor Team leading. There will be morning and evening sessions.

25. Church Training director, Gary Whitener, gave his report and offered the services of his officers to the churches.

26. Mrs. Rose Wolff, WMU director, reported 32 of the 35 churches with WMU work. She stated that their theme, "Love Thy Neighbor" will mean much to us this year.

27. Edwin Coates, Baptist Foundation of N. C. representative, urged Christians to leave estates to the cause of Christ. His department will assist interested persons in this matter.

28. The Christian Action League of N. C. was not represented.

29. Miss Judy Hornbarrier, a member of the Lenoir-Rhyne College BSU, expressed thanks for the money received for their use and told of some of their activities.

30. Mr. Cooley announced that we would convene at Temple Church on Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Ellington led in singing "Banner of the Cross."

31. A concert of modern music was presented by the combined youth choirs from Lakeview, Highland and Sandy Ridge churches with Julian Suggs directing. Several of the Youth gave their testimony. Rev. Bruce Walker led the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 25
Temple Baptist Church

32. The Friday morning session convened at Temple Church with Harold Craig leading the hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." Mrs. Carol Stewart, First Church, Hickory, served as organist.

33. Rev. R. Tom Lundy, Associate Pastor, Viewmont, read Scripture from Psalm 34 and led in prayer.

34. Dr. Smoot Baker, host pastor, extended a cordial welcome to the messengers and visitors.

35. Calvin Knight, representative from the Baptist Hospital, spoke on their work.

36. On motion from the floor we voted to send flowers and a note to Bill Furr, with the Clerk to take care of this matter.

37. A motion was also adopted to express appreciation to Rev. Roy Beals as he retires in January.

38. Rev. Homer Bradey, acting in behalf of the Resolutions committee, presented the Resolutions which were adopted as contained in this issue.

39. The quartet, David Byler, Edgar Lineberger, Julian Suggs and Sidney Tanner, sang "Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices" and "All Is Well."

40. Rev. Beals was given the opportunity to say a few words upon his retirement from the pastorate following twelve years as pastor of Highland. He expressed appreciation for the fellowship of fellow ministers and the outreach of our association.

41. Mrs. Smoot Baker led the memorial service conducting a responsive scripture reading on "Heaven" and by reading the names of all deceased members during the year.

42. Registrar White reported 106 messengers and 13 visitors, a total of 119 from 28 churches on Friday. On Thursday the total was 203 messengers, 41 visitors and 50 choir members from 34 of our 35 churches. Mr. Cooley thanked Frank Poovey for reporting to the press and radio.

43. Dr. Baker, program chairman, presided over the "Sharing Time" which opened with singing four favorite hymns. Sharing: an experience of God's saving grace; a church building a new sanctuary; a church surveying apartment complexes; an Adult Church Training group doing well; groups in a church distributing soul-winning Testaments.

... ways to share in promoting fellowship in our association; youth prayer groups; youth appreciation week, November 11-17 in the City of Hickory; Why not a Retreat for Senior Adults"; "Reach Out" is working; need for mass evangelism; need for pastors to have a sharing time on activities; a hotline for state Institutions and Agencies—Mr. Knight gave his office number 919-727-5317 for information on admittance procedures for Baptist Hospital.

44. The Worship period began with singing "Rescue the Perishing" with Julian Suggs leading. David Byler sang "The Greatest Of These Is Love" by Bitgood. Dr. Eugene Poston, president of Gardner-Webb College, spoke on "Tongues, Faith Healing, Baptism of Holy Spirit, Demons."

45. Dr. Baker led the benediction and blessing.

46. A delicious meal was served.

47. The total registration for the two days was 184 messengers and 61 visitors, a total of 245 (plus 50 in the youth choirs) from 34 churches. Unity Church was not represented.

The weather was clear and warm throughout the entire session.

Reports

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Larry R. Phillips

Supplying the millions of men, women and children who become new readers each year with Scriptures they can understand, is seen by the American Bible Society as one of the most pressing of the many challenges facing it today.

To bring the Word of God to every person in the world has, of course, always been the sole purpose of the Society. To do so it has engaged in hundreds of programs of Scripture translation, publication and distribution by cooperating with churches and agencies that need Scriptures. But even with all these programs, the Bible Society is aware that a large part of the world's people are not being reached, those whose reading ability is new or marginal.

GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS

Now there is GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS, a unique and extensive program that will provide special Scripture Literacy Selection on five graded levels, in 200 languages.

PARTNERS IN BASIC MISSION

The American Bible Society, working through the United Bible Societies, continues to be the primary source of Scriptures for the missionary enterprise and remains constantly ready to supply the Southern Baptists' Scriptural needs in the United States and abroad.

SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION UP 14.1 PER CENT

More than 249 million Scriptures—Bibles, New Testament, Portions and Selections—were distributed during 1973 by the members of the United Bible Societies.

In the United States, the total Scripture distribution was over 117 million—a bit less than the 1972 all-time record.

NOW IN MORE THAN 1,526 LANGUAGES

The number of languages in which at least one book of the Bible has been published by Bible Societies and other Christian organizations increased by 26 in 1973 to 1,526.

The world's best selling paperback book, "Good News for Modern Man," the American Bible Society's New Testament in Today's English Version (TEV) reached a total circulation of more than 43 million by the end of 1973.

WORK ABROAD

In missionary fields abroad, the American Bible Society is proving its effectiveness in areas of particular interest to the Southern Baptist Convention and is undergirding the activity of churches in Brazil, Nigeria, Japan, Indonesia and other countries where Southern Baptists have active mission.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Society is facing growing demands for Scriptures in a world whose population is growing and whose people have a growing need for the saving knowledge of the Gospel. Therefore, the Society asks Southern Baptist churches to continue their active support and to make special efforts to support the GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS program.

We know we have the urgent responsibility and glorious challenge of making God's Word available to all who need and want it. This is more than a responsibility not only for the Bible Societies but also for Christians who must recognize and respond generously.

REPORT ON ANNUITY BOARD

Roy Beals

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board paid out a record nearly \$16 million in retirement and protection benefits during 1973. This means that in the Board's history, it has now paid out over \$100 million in retirement and protection benefits.

More than 9,000 retired pastors and other church-related vocational workers or their widows receive the benefits.

In addition, the Annuity Board set another record. This one was for funds held in trust for those participating in retirement and protection plans while still in

active service. About 38,000 pastors, other church staff and denominational agency employees are included.

Funds held in trust exceeded \$350 million for the first time, President Darold H. Morgan reported.

The Board issued another 13th Check, or extra benefit, for annuitants shortly before Christmas 1973. It amounted to two extra months' worth of benefits and totaled \$1,187,379. The 13th Check helps annuitants, whose benefits are fixed, to meet the rising cost of living. Payment of the 13th Check is over and above the 12 contracted monthly benefits and depends from year to year on investment income.

Board officials and national market experts expected the investment picture to brighten in 1974 after a poor performance in the general stock market in 1973 resulted in a deep cut in income from investments. Investment income declined to \$10 million in 1973 after hitting a record of more than \$22 million the year before.

The Board's decline in equity, or stock, investments paralleled the decline in the market generally, which affected all other types of investors as well. The major market indications . . . Dow-Jones, Standard and Poor, and Value Line—all were down during the year.

By comparison, the Board's investments in mortgage loans and real estate leasebacks proved to be profit-making for the year. In an effort to continue earning from real estate investments, the Board announced a new type of Plan C investment called land equity loans. Plan C is the Board's variable benefit plan, which supplements the basic retirement program, called Plan A, for ministers.

Theron Rankin Association has 37 people that are members of the Annuity Board plan. Let's put forth every effort to include every worker in this important program.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION OFFICE COMMITTEE

R. F. Smith, Jr.

The Association Office Committee met and made certain appropriate recommendations to the Finance Committee. These recommendations are reflected in the Proposed Budget for 1975.

The committee, after reading the Constitution and Bylaws, discovered that a job description for the Promotional Secretary was required and did not exist. The attached job description was adopted by the committee, presented to the Executive Committee of the Association, and adopted by that committee.

We would like to report a good year in the Associational office. We commend Miss Helen Cater for her continued dedication and efficiency as our Promotional Secretary. We are grateful for her and the many long hours which she works in behalf of our Association.

Associational Promotional Secretary Position Description

I. POSITION ASSIGNMENT

Title: Promotional Secretary,

Theron Rankin Baptist Association

Recruited by: Association Office Committee

Elected by: Associational Executive Committee

II. PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1. Called of God and fully committed to denominational service.
2. Thorough knowledge of a local Baptist church program.
3. Working knowledge of the Baptist Association, its nature and its work.

4. Loyal Southern Baptist in doctrine, polity and program concepts.
5. Successful experience in local church work.
6. Emotionally stable and able to relate constructively with people.
7. Creativity, wisdom, enthusiasm and commitment to the will of God.
8. Training in secretarial work.

III. BASIC FUNCTION

To assist associational officers and leaders in planning, coordinating, and promoting the work of the association.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Maintain the associational office.
2. Assist associational officers and leaders in carrying out their responsibilities.
3. Distribution of publicity materials, properly prepared.
4. Maintain and operate a library of associational aids and other materials as instructed.
5. Keep financial and other records for the association.
6. Participate in and assist in the organizational life of the association.
7. Keep up-to-date on SBC and state convention information pertaining to associations; share as required.

V. SAMPLES OF DUTIES

1. Serve as receptionist for associational office.
2. Receive mail directed to the association; respond as required.
3. Prepare and distribute the associational newsletter and other promotional materials.
4. Prepare and/or maintain mailing lists of church leaders and others for use by the association.
5. Keep the financial records of the association.
6. Receive church letters to the association; assist in compiling and transmitting information as required.
7. Assist in preparing and distributing the annual associational minutes as required.
8. Meet with officers, committees, and planning groups, lending assistance as required.
9. Assist associational leaders in preparing and distributing publicity materials pertaining to their work.
10. Attend associational functions, assisting as needed.
11. Keep minutes of the associational council, the Executive committee and the annual session.
12. Attend briefing and training meetings conducted by SBC and State leaders; receive and share information as needed.
13. Purchase and use office equipment and supplies as approved by the association.

VI. RELATIONSHIPS

1. Report to: Associational Office Committee
2. Supervises: Any additional office help.
3. Works cooperatively with: Elected associational leaders; and all North Carolina Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention personnel.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

Earl L. Melton, Certified Public Accountant

In accordance with your instructions, we have examined the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association, Hickory, North Carolina for the year ended September 30, 1974, and present here—with our report.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

CASH IN BANK, \$1,209.83: Cash in Bank on September 30, 1974, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

CASH IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, \$18,456.31: Cash in Savings Account at First Savings & Loan Association of \$11,098.45 and at Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Association of \$7,357.86 on September 30, 1974, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

INCOME, \$17,219.43: Receipts from churches and miscellaneous income were traced from the receipts journal into the bank account.

EXPENSES, \$17,167.57: Invoices and other supporting documents for the expenses of the Association were examined and traced into the disbursements journal on a test basis.

We found the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association to be well kept and complete, thereby making it possible to locate the information needed in connection with our examination.

(The Statement of Operations shows a Net Income of \$51.86 for the year. A complete copy of this audit is on file in the Association Office.)

REPORT ON BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Dr. E. Ted Chandler

This has been a very fine year for the Baptist Children's Homes. Much has happened to strengthen the foundations for the ministry of child care. Recreation and administration buildings at Broyhill Home are nearing completion. A cottage and two staff residences at Kennedy Home will soon be dedicated. A challenge gift of \$100,000 has been received for the development of Greer-Burris Home in Chapel Hill.

"The Mountain Within," a 30 minute, 16 millimeter sound picture, has been filmed to tell the story of the children's homes. It has been premiered and has been released to interested groups October 1st. It may be obtained by placing an order with the Department of Communications of the Baptist State Convention.

Our Piedmont area services have expanded significantly during the past year. Mills Home continues to provide the highest quality group care to more than 200 school age children. Wall Home has pioneered with an exciting outdoor high adventure program for a group of teenage boys. Our first emergency care home opened in Burlington May 21st and a similar home was opened in Charlotte in late summer. These two homes represent a cooperative venture with the Mt. Zion and Mecklenburg associations to provide emergency care on the local scene. New foster homes have been licensed and have increased the number of foster home children in care.

North Carolina Baptists have been leaders in the ministry of child care for many years in the country. The continuing good will and generous support of our friends throughout the state make this vigorous and progressive ministry possible. Rising costs and the need for expanding services challenge all of us to continue our investment in the shared adventure of Christian child care.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

Mrs. L. P. Frans

As a Baptist, among the many vital ministries that you support are your North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging. For over 23 years, you have had a part in serving hundreds of older people and making life much happier and more secure for them. You are ministering through (1) The Special Offering for the Homes, received on the 3rd Sunday of February each year; (2) The Cooperative Program. Gifts through these two sources have increased from year to year, and offerings for 1974 will perhaps exceed \$350,000 providing more than 30% of the budget needed to operate 5 resident Homes and the Nursing Care unit.

God, through you, has blessed this ministry of our Baptist Homes in a remarkable way, leading you to establish two Homes in Winston-Salem, Resthaven, and Hayes Home, and the Nursing Care Unit, and three other Homes at Albemarle, Hamilton and Yanceyville. In these Homes, 4 out of 5 residents depend upon your love gifts and simply could not be cared for without your help.

Of greatest significance during the past year, has been the decision by the Trustees of the Homes to establish a 6th Home in Western North Carolina, in the city of Asheville on the Pearson Estate, a magnificently beautiful twenty-one acre site, overlooking the city, and with the gorgeous Blue Ridge Mountains in the background. A dedicated group of people in the Western Carolina area have organized the initial phase of what will become, it is hoped, a major State-wide fund-raising effort to obtain the necessary money to build this proposed Home, after approval by the General Board, and the Baptist State Convention. Church groups are encouraged to visit the beautiful site on which the proposed Home will be built, and will be served lunch, if an appointment is made in advance.

With the addition of a 6th Home, with the spiraling cost of living, and the great and ever-increasing needs of older people, it is most urgent that our Baptist people be more generous than ever before in support for the Homes.

Ministry to an older person is a direct ministry as unto Christ Himself and is most pleasing to Him, we are sure!

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Glen A. Ramsey, Jr.

In spite of the growth in size and complexity at your Baptist Hospital, the emphasis is still upon "ministering with skill and understanding." Evidence of this is a typical patient's remark recently "From the head surgeon to the aide who handed me a glass of water, with all the doctors, nurses, people in the business offices and chaplains in between, I was cheerfully given every personal consideration."

Changes and additions continue to be made for the purpose of providing better hospital care. Renovation of the Progressive Care Unit has been completed, and the South and West Wings of the hospital building are now being renovated. Construction of the Ambulatory Care Unit is well under way and is scheduled for completion in the spring, or early summer, of 1975.

New discoveries continue to make possible better medical care. For example, a new EMI-Scanner is to be installed and is expected to be in use before the end of this year. This device, which combines the use of x-rays and computers, will make it possible to detect brain tumors, blood clots, and strokes more accurately and more quickly. Scans can be completed in about 30 minutes and the results can be available in another five minutes. There is no risk or discomfort involved, and the patient does not have to be admitted to the hospital.

New approaches are also being made in the hospital's ministry to the emotional and spiritual needs of people. The Division of Human Enrichment and Development, in the Department of Pastoral Care, is conducting retreats, seminars, and workshops designed to help appropriate the resources of the Christian faith to the various areas and experiences of life. The Pastoral Care Department has also opened its first satellite center, in Fayetteville, to offer counseling and training to people in that area. Your Cooperative Program gifts help to support these ministries.

The School of Nursing graduated its last class in May. The school has been in the process of phasing out for the past three years, as the result of a trustee decision made in 1971.

In January the hospital had its only room rate increase in the past three and one half years. Nevertheless, the hospital continues to operate "in the black." The 1973 Mother's Day Offerings amounted to \$375,000. At the time of this writing, our 1974 Mother's Day gifts are running ahead of the same time last year. These gifts are used to assist patients with the most urgent financial needs. A special committee of five Baptists from the Winston-Salem area assists personnel from the hospital Business Office and the Department of Denominational Relations in administering these funds.

Your hospital staff, and the people they serve, are grateful for your interest, your prayers and your financial support.

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD

The Association Nominating Committee still has not been able to find a man who would accept the responsibility as Brotherhood Director.

In cooperation with the State Brotherhood Department, an Associational Brotherhood Workshop for leaders in the churches was held on November 8, 1973 at Central Church with representatives from several churches being present.

Our Association will host a DAY CAMPING CONFERENCE on April 8, 1975 at the West Hickory Church. This conference is sponsored by the State Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union departments.

REPORT OF CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL

J. Harold Craig

The 1974 Central Training School, in the form of a World Missions Conference, was one of the most successful efforts ever sponsored by our association.

The conference was held February 10-14, beginning on Sunday morning when 22 Foreign, Home, and State missionaries spoke in the local churches. On Sunday evening, more than 1000 people attended the Mission Fair and Celebration at Hickory, First, and heard Dr. Claude Rhea, of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, in concert.

An average of 392 attended the evening sessions, Monday-Thursday, and approximately 50 were present for the morning panel discussions. A total of 618 from 30 churches were enrolled for the evening meetings. A highlight of the week was the presentation of the missionary cantata, "To Tell the Untold," by a 100 voice choir composed of members from Hickory, First, Highland, Penelope, and Viewmont Churches, under the direction of David O. Byler.

In preparation for the 1975 school, the Central Training School Committee has been working in cooperation with Maurice Cooper of the Department of Church Ministries and Training of the Baptist State Convention. One outstanding feature will be a conference for deacons and their wives led by Dr. and Mrs. J. Winston Pearce of Buies Creek, North Carolina. The dates are February 10-12.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Albert A. Young

Baptist churches and Baptist colleges in North Carolina do their work in an atmosphere of mutual appreciation and a sense of dependence upon each other. This is the way it should be and we hope this is the way it will always be.

The Cooperative Program, the lifeline to nearly every thing that Baptists do around the world from a financial point of view is a significant link between our colleges and churches. Now, as never, our colleges need a greater share of Cooperative Program funds, meaning that our people need to give more through the Cooperative Program.

Despite our lack of total support of our colleges, (and if it were not for outside help all of our colleges would have to close their doors) no qualified student will be turned down simply because he or she cannot pay. This is a remarkable arrangement that our colleges make and one way or the other the administration of our colleges do make a way for worthy students to attend college if they desire to do so. Baptist colleges are making a real effort to enroll the young people of our churches, and our pastor and other church pastors and other church leaders should encourage our young people to enroll in our Baptist schools.

Our colleges are: Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill, Meredith, Wake Forest, Wingate. These colleges work together with the Baptist State Convention and through the Council on Christian Higher Education. Our colleges, like our homes and the churches, are not perfect but they do a great and good job with the students we send them and the support we give to them.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE

William J. Furr

The Christian Life Committee would like to thank the members of our association for the splendid support you gave us last fall in the state-wide "liquor-by-the-drink" referendum. Because of your cooperation, the people of Catawba County resoundingly defeated this bill by a margin of seven to three. We truly commend you for your backing.

The Christian Life Committee of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association is very closely affiliated with our sister organizations: The Christian Action League; The Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; and The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. We join them in expressing Christian concern about marriage and family life, race relations, daily work and economics, Christian citizenship, and special moral concerns, such as alcohol and other drugs, gambling, and pornography. We urge the people in our churches to join us in these concerns. Specifically, we would urge that our people take the following steps:

(1). Support the work of The Christian Action League, here in Catawba County and through the statewide organization in Raleigh.

(2). Attend the workshops and seminars sponsored by The Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Get to know the fulltime director, Dr. Charles Petty, and distribute some of their tracts on the family (they have a series of 21 tracts) to your membership.

(3). Use the Christian Life Commission's new literature, "Christian Life Styles for Families" and "Christian Life Styles for Youth" in your church.

(4). Write the Christian Life Commission and ask for a free illustrated order blank which describes all of the material on applied Christianity produced by the Commission for use in the churches.

(5). Join these groups on the local level in "helping changed people change the world."

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Mrs. Quentin Whisnant

Dr. Howard P. Colson, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, speaking to students at Southwestern Baptist Seminary said, "The Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God, and its message must be taught. No water-down, man-accommodating version of the Biblical message is acceptable. In developing the curriculum materials, the Sunday School Board accepts as basic and follows the Baptist Faith and Message statements adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963."

When we have leaders and writers with strong convictions, as Dr. Colson, we believe that our Christian literature is in good hands, and it can rightly be called, "Christian Literature!" Our literature has stood the tests. It has faced the criticisms from the extreme left to the extreme right: But it still stands and is accepted by over twelve million Southern Baptists—something that no other group can claim.

Many times the question has been asked, "What holds Baptist together?" Two answers are usually given: "We follow the same Christ," or, "We are people of the Book." Both of these answers are true. But there are other denominations who could give the same answer; yet they have ways and motivations different than ours. Our answer surely is this: "We all read the same Christian literature, Bible based and Christ-centered." Our Christian literature leads us rightly—rightly together and in the right way of life.

Baptists should do two things: first, read more often our periodicals as the BIBLICAL RECORDER, CHARITY AND CHILDREN, THE BAPTIST PROGRAM, HOME MISSIONS, THE COMMISSION, as well as the church program literature. Secondly, Baptists should be more thankful to God who has given us godly men to write our beliefs about His Word that holds us together. As we read together we stay together, and as we stay together, we pull together; and in this togetherness the Kingdom of God is brought into the hearts of men.

REPORT ON CHURCH TRAINING

Gary Whitener

These are changing days for Church Training. Many churches are taking various approaches to their training needs. Each church should evaluate their needs and use their Church Training hour to meet them. Your associational Church Training workers will assist you in your training program if they are asked.

1973 "M" Night was held at Highland Church with 286 present from 23 churches. 18 pastors and 15 directors attended. The '74 "M" Night will be held on November 25 at Viewmont Church with Rev. Gene Watterson, First Church, Shelby, speaking.

Six children from the Claremont Church were declared Associational Scripture Exploring Drill winners and also at the State Drill at Fruitland. These children, under the direction of the Associational Children's Church Training Director, Mrs. Smoot Baker, will present a drill at the "M" Night service this year at Viewmont.

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

W. R. Sigmon

This committee has had no activities to be cared for during this year.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

H. Phillip King

Several events, statewide, associational and local took place in the field of evangelistic endeavors this year. "Sharing His love and spirit" was the theme of the 28th Statewide Evangelism Conference at War Memorial Auditorium, Greensboro, February 4-6, 1974. Over 2,400 pastors and lay persons heard and participated in the event.

Youth Evangelism teams were part of the state thrust and a number of the churches in Theron Rankin used week-end youth revival teams from our Baptist colleges. One of our own young men, Mike Williams, was a member of the Apostoloi Team, and another, Kenneth Wilson, the "Rhymes with Reasons." Several churches had summer youth workers leading in special efforts.

About 15,000 youth, pastors, and adult leaders were present for the 4th statewide Youth Evangelism Night at the Greensboro Coliseum. About 700 youth and adults gathered at Caswell for Youth Ministries Week. Theron Rankin churches were well represented at both of the events.

Several churches have gone on mission trips during the summer using their youth in backyard VBS and street singing at shopping centers. Many favorable reports of their activities have been recorded.

May was the month Sunday School and the Evangelism Committee cooperated to introduce the "Reach Out" Program for 1974-75. 26 of the 35 Theron Rankin churches were represented. Each church set a goal for November 17, 1974 High Attendance Celebration Sunday based on their present average attendance. The total Theron Rankin average is 5407 for the 26 churches. Our goal for Celebration Sunday is 8698 in Sunday School.

As part of the Reach Out Emphasis on evangelistic People Search census has been conducted by many churches.

Two items for the future are planned. The 29th Statewide Evangelism Conference in Greensboro, February 3-5, 1975 and a conference on Revival in November of 1975.

Greater emphasis is being placed now on the whole evangelistic thrust to involve the total person in Christian faith. Pray that our churches will not lose their first love—evangelistic zeal for Christ.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Miss Helen Cater, Clerk

This committee held four sessions during the year with an average attendance of 45 from 28 churches which is an increase over last year. Reports were received from the organizations and committees and their reports in this issue contain their activities. The Moderator, Rev. William J. Furr, presided over all four sessions.

Actions taken by the Executive Committee are as follows:

- ... accepted withdrawal of Emmanuel Church from the association.
- ... expressed thanks to Earl Melton, C.P.A., for auditing the Treasurer's books.
- ... set up a study committee to look into what we can do to improve our Executive committee with Rev. Phillip King as chairman of this committee.
- ... heard a brief preview on VBS materials from the association VBS team.
- ... decided to try this year a new schedule of time for the annual session beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday and closing on Friday at noon.
- ... appointed a committee to investigate the need for an Emergency Care Home in this area and the Baptist resources available including the Association and the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes. The committee: Dr. E. Ted Chandler,

Mrs. Rose Wolff, Frelon Broome, Donald Greene, and Rev. Fred Thompson, chairman.

... adopted a Job Description for the Promotional Secretary to be approved at annual session.

... endorsed several committee reports to be presented at the annual session.

Complete copies of the Executive Committee MINUTES are on file at the Association office. Also, copies of the THERON RANKIN NEWS, which is mailed each month to the leadership of the churches and Convention, are on file there.

REPORT OF EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Fritz D. Hemphill

(no report received)

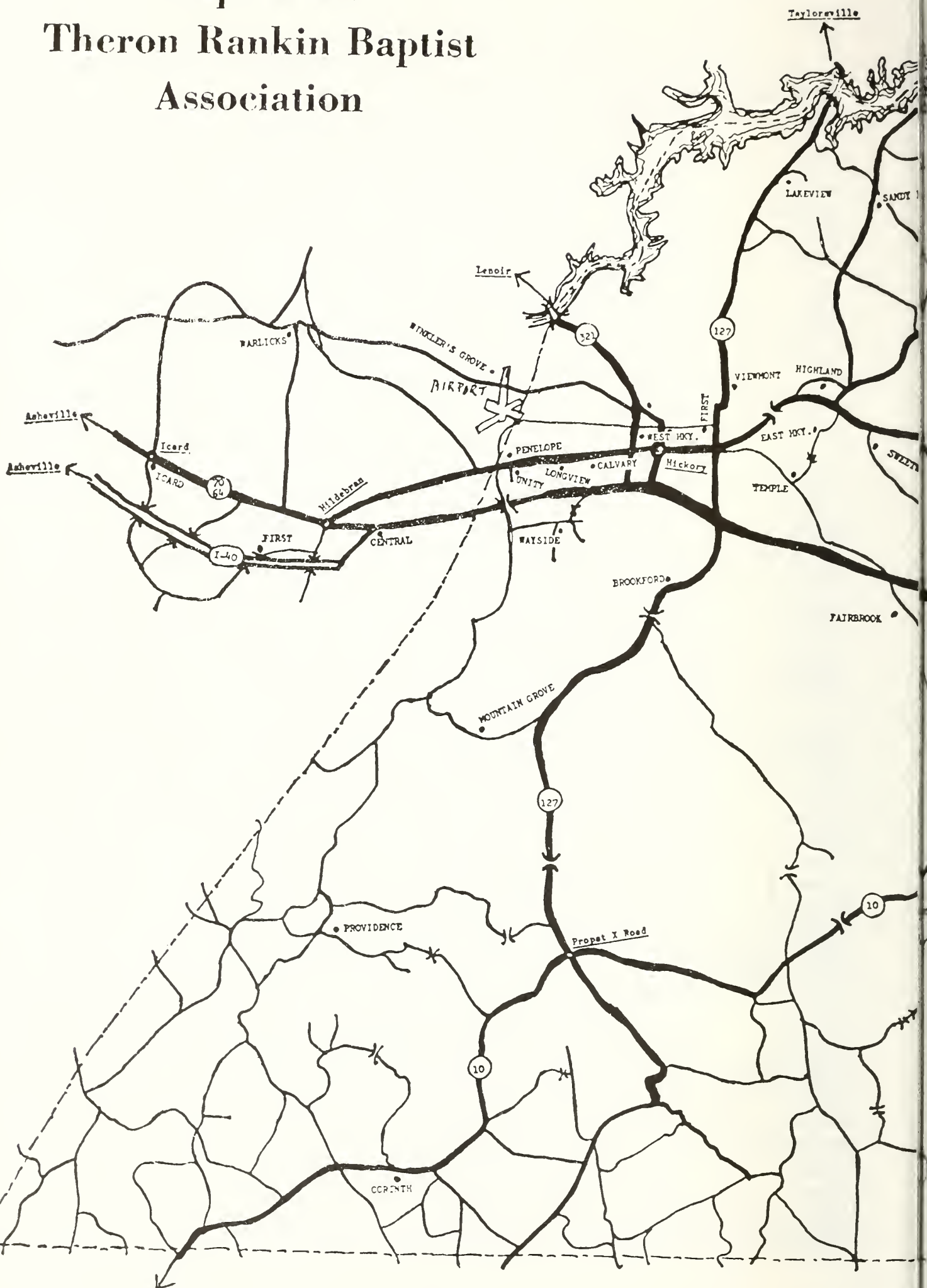
REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TREASURER

C. Van Teague, Chm.

F. W. Broome, Treas.

	BUDGET GOAL THIS YEAR	AMOUNT RECEIVED 10/1/73-9/30/74	BUDGET GOAL 1974-75
Brookford	\$ 174.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 148.00
Calvary, Hickory	212.00	150.00	230.00
Calvary, Newton	271.00	366.00*	307.00
Catawba	191.00	191.00*	229.00
Central	443.00	300.00	490.00
Claremont, First	129.00	80.00	164.00
Corinth	287.00	260.00	323.00
East First Street	379.00	360.00	388.00
East Hickory	521.00	468.00	606.00
Fairbrook	92.00	92.00*	142.00
Fairgrove	157.00	100.00	171.00
Hickory, First	2,049.00	1,900.00	2,313.00
Highland	1,433.00	1,200.00	1,415.00
Hildebran, First	516.00	516.00*	554.00
Icard	390.00	325.00	484.00
Lakeview	380.00	468.75*	473.00
Longview	231.00	316.00*	242.00
Mountain Grove	461.00	350.00	523.00
Newton, First	902.00	902.00*	852.00
North Newton	569.00	560.00	585.00
Oxford	126.00		190.00
Penelope	1,109.00	316.01	1,278.00
Providence	200.00	200.00*	243.00
Sandy Ridge	391.00	391.00*	496.00
Springs Road	544.00	525.00	570.00
Startown	199.00	186.00	227.00
Sweetwater	139.00	136.00	147.00
Temple	428.00	380.12	473.00
Unity	201.00	150.00	177.00
Viewmont	1,178.00	1,137.00	1,215.00
Warlick's	315.00	240.00	317.00

Map of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association



Wayside	102.00	12.00	92.00
West Hickory	836.00	975.03*	959.00
Winkler's Grove	429.00	250.00	434.00
Woodlawn	375.00	329.00	634.00
Totals	<u>\$16,359.00</u>	<u>\$14,191.91</u>	<u>\$18,091.00</u>

The suggested goal is \$1.00 per resident member plus 1% of total receipts; divided by two. The latest figures available were taken from the 9/30/73 Church Letters. It is hoped that churches already giving more than the suggested amount can continue to do so.

*Denotes churches reaching their goal this year.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET

ITEM	BUDGET 1973-74	SPEC. RECTS. 1973-74	EXPENSES 1973-74	BUDGET 1974-75
Sunday School	\$ 250.00	\$ 290.25	\$ 410.93	\$ 250.00
Church Training	150.00		50.00	150.00
Woman's Missionary Union	350.00		350.00	350.00
Brotherhood	100.00			100.00
Music	100.00	230.50	238.00	100.00
Printing & Postage	500.00		382.00	500.00
Churches entertaining annual meeting	250.00		250.00	300.00
BSU, Lenoir-Rhyne College	200.00		200.00	200.00
Scholarships (two in budget)	600.00	300.00	900.00	1,000.00
Minutes	600.00		535.05	700.00
Central Training School	1,500.00	1,526.71	3,078.43	1,500.00
Evangelism	300.00		139.50	500.00
Youth Work	500.00		2.64	500.00
Salaries	6,000.00		6,000.00	6,500.00
Social Security (Assoc. Part)	351.00		356.98	385.00
Hospital/Life Ins. (Promotional Sec'y)	366.00		379.00	400.00
Car Allowance	375.00		375.00	425.00
Convention/Ridgecrest (Promotional Sec'y)	450.00		162.00	500.00
Office Utilities	250.00		350.38	400.00
Office Supplies	500.00	306.80	736.19	600.00
Audio-Visual Aids	300.00		271.76	300.00
South Mountain Baptist Camp	350.00		350.00	350.00
Office Help	75.00		80.65	100.00
Miscellaneous	695.00	23.70	350.00	931.00
Office Equipment & Maintenance	225.00		90.34	300.00
Annuity (Promotional Secretary)-	540.00		540.00	540.00
Christmas Gift (Promotional Secretary)	100.00		100.00	125.00
Life & Disability Ins. (Promotional Sec'y)	82.00		82.11	85.00
SBC Assoc. Workshop at Ridgecrest	300.00		60.00	
Totals	<u>\$16,359.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,677.96</u>	<u>\$16,820.96</u>	<u>\$18,091.00</u>
Life Insurance (designated)		349.56	346.61	
TOTALS	<u>\$16,359.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,027.52</u>	<u>\$17,167.57</u>	<u>\$18,091.00</u>

SUMMARY: October 1, 1973—September 30, 1974

Balance on hand on October 1, 1973		\$ 1,157.97
Receipts: from the churches	\$14,191.91	
World Missions Conference (from churches)	1,526.71	
Music Conference Dinner	230.50	
Sale of Office Supplies	306.80	
Life Insurance (designated)	349.56	
Scholarship refund	300.00	
Sales tax refund	23.70	
Sale of books (Teaching Clinic)	92.25	
VBS supper (Sunday School budget)	198.00	
Total receipts during this period		<u>\$17,219.43</u>
Total amount to be accounted for during this period		\$18,377.40
Less disbursements (listed above)		<u>\$17,167.57</u>
Balance on hand on September 30, 1974		\$ 1,209.83

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Savings Certificate-6% (2 yr. demand) First Savings & Loan	\$10,456.78	
Dividend added this year	<u>641.67</u>	\$11,098.45
Account-5¾% (90 day notice) Fidelity Fed. Savings & Loan	\$ 3,687.07	
Dividend added this year	<u>216.60</u>	\$ 3,903.67
Account-5¼% (on demand) Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.	\$ 3,278.67	
Dividend added this year	<u>175.52</u>	<u>\$ 3,454.19</u>
Total on deposit in three accounts on September 30, 1974		\$18,456.31

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Mrs. Bob Hillard

The total number of Southern Baptist Foreign Missionaries was at a new high figure at the end of 1973. There were 2,538 missionaries assigned to serve in 77 countries and territories. This figure includes 172 missionary associates, 137 journeymen, and 3 special project medical workers.

The Foreign Mission Board programs of work around the world are described in functional terms as evangelism and church development, schools and church development, schools and student work, publication work, hospital and medical care and benevolent ministries.

World affairs in 1973 affected many mission areas. The most serious crisis was the Yom Kippur War between Israel and the Arab powers. In Lebanon there was a brief "war" between government troops and Palestinian commandos. At the home base, Watergate left the Nation in a weakened position for dealing with its problems at home and abroad.

Uganda was another major area of growing tension and problems during 1973, and foreigners are gradually being squeezed out. Missionary visas are still difficult but not impossible for such lands as Nigeria, Malaysia and India. In Chile the Marxist government has been overthrown and military established.

The major natural disaster of the year was widespread drought across northern Africa. Floodings and earthquakes in Mexico also produced much suffering and need.

The Foreign Mission Board and missionaries on the fields project their work in terms of a unified approach for each field. The main objective in each field is to establish a strong church and Baptist denomination, with the relative emphasis given to various types of work dependent on local circumstances.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

Mrs. W. B. Duncan

Another year has come and gone with many changes being made within the churches and the World.

"M" Night was held November 26, 1973 at Highland Church with 286 attending and 23 churches participating. A World Missions Conference was held at First Church, Hickory, February 10-14, 1974. Twenty-two Home, State and Foreign Missionaries led conferences. Over 1,000 attended the Missions Fair and Celebration on Sunday evening. 31 churches were represented. A Teacher Improvement Clinic was held April 8-9 at Highland Church. The "Reach Out" Program of the Southern Baptist Convention was received with enthusiasm when presented to church leaders on May 21 at First Church, Hickory.

NEW PASTORS AND ASSOCIATES: Rev. Kenneth Page was ordained at First Church in Shelby and came to CATAWBA as pastor. Rev. Gerald Alley from Second Church, Chester, S. C., is now pastor at SWEETWATER. EAST HICKORY called Sidney Tanner as Minister of Music/Youth. Rev. Ronald Kiser was called as associate pastor (their first) at SANDY RIDGE and they purchased a home for him. Rev. R. Tom Lundy was called as associate pastor at VIEWMONT replacing Jesse Hill who has moved to South Carolina. NORTH NEWTON called Harold Ellis of Spindale, N. C. as Minister of Music/Youth. The Youth Director at WINKLER'S GROVE is Charles Abee.

Rev. Bill Cook left CATAWBA to go to Outreach Ministry in Aurora, Colorado. Rev. James R. Rowles, Jr. resigned at PENELOPE to go to Beth Carr, Hailfax, Va. The church presented him a 1974 Chevrolet. Rev. Willard L. Jenkins resigned at PROVIDENCE to go to Wil-Mar Park Church, Concord.

CENTRAL received a carillon as a gift. Additional property adjoining their present site was purchased. HILDEBRAN, FIRST paid expenses of their pastor and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Ben Byrd, for speaking engagement to Cuernavoco, Mexico. This church voted to erect a new sanctuary.

LAKEVIEW purchased a new Hammond organ. PENELOPE observed their 85th anniversary. They are supporting Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Stephens, missionaries to Indonesia. They erected a new Fellowship Center, approximate cost \$300,000. TEMPLE observed their 25th anniversary on September 8.

WINKLER'S GROVE installed air conditioning and new carpet, remodeled front entrance of sanctuary, purchased Grand piano and 1974 Dodge Van. They also purchased more land; began a TV program on Channel 14; erected a monument in memory of Rev. Jack Holland. CALVARY, HICKORY remodeled their fellowship hall. STARTOWN paid off indebtedness on church six years before it was due, and purchased adjoining property for an educational building now under construction, estimated cost of \$100,000. ICARD purchased a 15 passenger activity bus. They are debt-free.

NORTH NEWTON held open house, April 7 for new pastor's home; honored pastor, Rev. Bob Hillard, on 4th anniversary on July 14. CLAREMONT, FIRST entered new sanctuary on June 2. SWEETWATER purchased a mobile unit for Sunday School space. SPRINGS ROAD observed Pastor Appreciation Day and open house for new pastorium on September 8, Rev. Wray Barrett, Pastor. HIGHLAND purchased an Offset, redecorated their sanctuary. Julian Suggs, Minister of Music, Youth, received his M.A. degree from ASU this spring.

SANDY RIDGE is now affiliated with the Cooperative Christian Ministry in Hickory. Rev. Harold Threatt, pastor, WOODLAWN, made an evangelistic mission tour to Jamacia and Haiti. They have a local ministry with Yokefellow. Charles Brown, Minister of Music, Viewmont, sang with the "Centurymen" during the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. Richard Fisher, pastor, FAIRGROVE, graduated from Fruitland Bible Institute.

PENELOPE ordained Barry Chambers to the Gospel Ministry. He is serving the church as associate pastor while attending Gardner-Webb College. Michael Sigmon was also ordained. Harold Craig was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in Music and Education by PENELOPE on May 19. EAST FIRST STREET ordained Clifford C. Williams.

VIEWMONT led a Youth Revival and survey in Coshocton, Ohio and sang the musical, "Joy," in Ohio and Pennsylvania. HIGHLAND Youth conducted Backyard Bible Clubs in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., enrolled 115 with 35 enrolled in park ministry, and 13 professions of faith.

CATAWBA purchased school property adjacent to church consisting of classroom building and lot. NEWTON, FIRST paid off debt on parsonage for associate pastor. Pastor William J. Furr received doctorate.

HICKORY, FIRST adopted a 6 year program for church; opened Recreation Room for Youth; initiated Summer Recreation program; After School program; Luncheon Program for elderly in community. Pastor, R. F. Smith, Jr., received his doctorate.

REPORT ON THE HOME MISSION BOARD

Mrs. Bernard Bock

Here in our homeland Southern Baptists feel safe and secure in the Lord. His love abounds everywhere around us as we serve Him through our local churches. Our Saviour is sufficient to meet all our needs. He heals our diseases. mends our broken hearts and protects us from all evil. But what of those in our homeland who do not know Him? Hopelessness, helplessness and unhappiness fill the lives of those who have not found this "Rock of Salvation."

The work of the Home Mission Board places emphasis on the homeland. It is a vital and central part of the ministry of our Lord. The various facets of the work of the Home Mission Board include pioneer missions; language missions; the ministry to the deaf, internationals and refugees; the chaplaincy ministry and work with National Baptists. The Home Mission Board depends upon local Baptist churches to finance these programs and to support them both through prayer and action. The Theron Rankin Baptist Association has accepted the challenge to give Christ to the homeland and has supported the work of the Home Mission Board through gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This offering makes it possible to share our Lord and His love with others here in the land in which we live.

Southern Baptists are doing a great work through the Home Mission Board and other state agencies that cooperate with this board. More than two thousand missionaries serve annually under the direction of the Home Mission Board. Many worthwhile and valuable ministries are carried on by the offerings given by Southern Baptists. But can we not do more? Home missions should be missions at home. Home missions should involve those of us here at home. Our influence can go far, our deeds of kindness can reach many, and our witness can win others to our Lord. Home missions is you and me.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Homer E. Bradey

The Membership Committee is elected annually by the Association. The duties are to receive and consider all petitionary letters of churches seeking membership of the association. Upon request, the committee will investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the cooperation and fellowship of the churches.

This committee has had no requests from churches to apply this year for membership in the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

During the November '73 Executive Committee meeting of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association, a motion was made and seconded that we accept as information the letter from Emmanuel Church stating that they were withdrawing from the association and that we write a letter of regret expressing our continued prayers and offer our help. This motion was passed.

A letter of regret was written by the chairman of the Membership committee. In return, Rev. Edmondson responded with a very kind letter.

REPORT ON MUSIC MINISTRY

Hendley Ellington

The Theron Rankin Associational Music Conference for all church choirs, their directors and accompanists was held at Providence Church on January 28, 1974. This dinner meeting for fellowship and inspiration, which has been an annual event since the year the association was formed, had the largest attendance ever recorded—152 persons from 14 churches. Group singing preceded the meal and after promotional announcements and discussion all joined in singing the musical "Alleluia" using recorded orchestral accompaniment.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

J. Bruce Walker

Clerk Miss Helen Cater
Treasurer Frelon W. Broome
Parliamentarian James E. Britt
Historian Mrs. Larna Robbins
Trustees M. S. Brittain (Chmn.), Term expiring 1975; David L. Stewart,

Term expiring 1976; Harold E. Deal, Term expiring 1977

Sunday School Director Raleigh Castelloe
Church Training Director Gary Whitener
Brotherhood Director (to be named)
Woman's Missionary Union Director Mrs. Rose Wolff
Music Director Edgar L. Lineberger

STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAM: Joe Coltrane, Chmn., Mrs. C. Van Teague, Walter Cooley, Edgar Lineberger, Homer Bradey, J. Bruce Walker

MEMBERSHIP: Albert A. Young, Chmn., I. D. Phillips, Boyce B. Dobbins, Alford Crow, Bobby A. Langston

RESOLUTIONS: Wray G. Barrett, Chmn., James E. Britt, Mrs. H. Phillip King, Miss Susie Danner, Mrs. David L. Stewart

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: E. Murray Tate, Jr., Chmn., Dr. Smoot Baker, Mrs. James R. Glenn

EXTENSION: Julian S. Suggs, III, Chmn., R. D. Buie, Mrs. Larry Penley, Ervel Jones, J. Perry Abernethy

FINANCE: Homer E. Bradey, Chmn., Earl Melton, Homer F. Greene, Parks F. Rogers, Gerald Alley, Bobby Robinson, Frelon Broome, Ex Officio

PLACE & PREACHER: Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., Chmn., Wilborn Merck, M. J. Upchurch, Mailon Nichols, Mrs. H. J. Whitener

CHRISTIAN LIFE: Robert O. Hemphill, Chmn., Larry R. Phillips, Donald E. Greene, B. J. Abernethy, Richard Fisher

ORDINATION: Alvin A. Walker, Chmn., David O. Byler, Harvey Laughter, John Dean, John Pollack

PUBLICITY: Frank Poovey, Chmn., Mrs. Mack Drum, Matt L. Hastings

EVANGELISM: H. Phillip King, Chmn., J. Bruce Walker, Mrs. Bill Sigmon

ENROLLMENT: V. H. White, Chmn., (plus 3 associates from each Host Church)

ASSOCIATION OFFICE: Bob H. Hillard, Chmn., R. Tom Lundy, Miss Martha Eggers, B. R. Holbrook, J. Max Smith

CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL: J. Harold Craig, plus the head of each program organization or their representative

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: George F. Hemphill, Chmn., M. C. Turbyfill, Earl Roberts

NOMINATING: Raleigh Castelloe (Sunday School), Mrs. Smoot Baker (Church Training), Mrs. Larry Penley (WMU), Brotherhood (to be named), Louis Robinson (Music) Walter Cooley, Pastor/Advisor

REPRESENTATIVES

American Bible Society Mrs. Fred Austin

Annuity Board Dr. R. F. Smith, Jr.

Baptist Hospital C. W. Broome

Children’s Homes E. Ted Chandler, MD

Christian Education Harold L. Threatt

Christian Literature Mrs. Smoot Baker

Homes For Aging Mrs. L. P. Frans

Foreign Missions Mrs. Bruce Walker

Home Missions Mrs. B. R. Holbrook

State Missions Mrs. Homer E. Bradey

REPORT OF ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Alvin A. Walker

The ordination committee of this association met November 28, 1973, to examine Steven Teague for ordination at the request of the First Baptist Church of Hickory, and he was ordained by this church December 30. The Reverend Mr. Teague, son of Mr. and Mrs. Van Teague, is in his third year of study at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and aspires to make counseling a specialty in his ministry. This is the only occasion where your committee sat in service for the last associational year.

REPORT OF PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

B. R. Holbrook

The Place and Preacher Committee studied the meeting places of former years, and found that one church had never been extended the invitation, and another church since 1957. When contacted these churches graciously accepted the services of being host churches for October, 1975.

Therefore: we recommend that the Association meet with the Mountain Grove Church on Thursday and Central Church on Friday in October 1975. Should there be a change back to one day, as last year, we recommend that the Association meet with Mountain Grove Church in the morning and afternoon sessions and with Central Church in the evening session.

For Preacher: we recommend Rev. Homer Greene, Pastor of the Sandy Ridge Church, and Rev. Bruce Walker, Central Church, as alternate.

THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

George F. Hemphill

We have received during this year funds for the Scholarship Foundation amounting to \$750.00 from individuals and churches as follows: First, Hickory, West Hickory and Providence.

The following is a report of these funds on deposit at First Savings and Loan Association:

Balance on deposit on September 30, 1973	\$3,105.98
Deposits added during this year	750.00
Dividends added this year	<u>153.03</u>
Balance on deposit on September 30, 1974	\$4,008.01

RESOLUTIONS

The year 1973-74 has been a significant one for the churches of the Theron Rankin Association. The unique factors of strength and work have been evident again with our 35 cooperating churches. The association exists largely to serve the churches. There have been no feelings of superiority or inferiority among us.

We, therefore, make the following Resolutions, meeting on this 25th day of October 1974:

1. We express our deepest feelings of appreciation to the dear people of the Sandy Ridge Baptist Church, the pastor, Homer Greene, and the dedicated ladies that prepared so well for our human needs expressed by a delicious meal. We rejoice with the Sandy Ridge congregation in the coming of the new associate minister, Rev. Ronald Kiser, working with the pastor. We further express our sincere thanks to the Temple Baptist Church and Dr. Smoot Baker. This pastor and people are to be complimented for preparing lunch for the conclusion of the nineteenth annual session. They truly have gone the second mile.

2. We further express appreciation and sincere best wishes to our Moderator, Dr. Bill Furr. We pray that his recovery will be swift. He has led us well and challenged us in every phase of our work. We commit ourselves to prayer and cooperation in the year 1974-75.

3. We are grateful for Rev. Walter Cooley, Vice Moderator of the Theron Rankin Association. All of us here today feel fortunate that we were able to continue our session under your capable leadership. We join Mr. Furr in thanking you for seeing that the matters of business were attended to promptly.

4. We further express gratitude to the Program committee and to those appearing on our program this year. For your reports, the research, and the inspiring messages we feel indebted.

5. We express to the Associational office committee our thanks for formulating helpful and meaningful guidelines for the Promotional work of the Association.

To Miss Helen Cater we are especially thankful and grateful for so willingly accepting this past year her heavy responsibilities in organizing and publicizing our programs of work and witness.

6. Be it resolved that we express our appreciation to the Associational Treasurer for his devoted service. Thank you, Mr. Frelon Broome.

7. To every pastor, director, church leader, and church member we are truly grateful for your consecrated service.

Respectfully submitted,
Cleo B. Bradey, acting chairman
Mrs. H. J. Whitener
Rev. V. C. Martin

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Mrs. Allen Oxford

You are on the mission field sharing the Gospel as you support State Missions. You help organize new churches and strengthen those in existence. Workshops, seminars, and conferences are conducted each year that deal directly with strengthening the various church program organizations such as Sunday School, Church Training, WMU, Brotherhood, and Music. Through State Missions many congregations support programs of concern to local churches but too great a task for any one church. Urban Missions, Cooperative Ministries, Resort Ministries, Language Ministries, Chaplaincy, Fruitland Bible Institute, Seminary Extension, and the Ministry to the Deaf are but a few of the ministries of State Missions. There are a total of 51 different ministries. State Missions strengthens churches by expanding their witness across the state. It helped in over 65 resort and recreational areas across North Carolina this year. It is helping 23 black students prepare for church related vocations this year through the Department of Cooperative Ministries. State Missions makes it possible for 200 men and women called to the ministry to attend Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute with students paying only minimum fees. State Missions represents you and your church in places where you could not possibly serve.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Raleigh Castelloe

During the past year two association projects were sponsored by the Sunday School.

The Sunday School Teacher Improvement Clinic was conducted at Highland Church on April 8-9. We had a full corps of age-group leaders who had attended training sessions at Ridgecrest and at Statesville. They in turn led the teachers from our churches in updating materials and methods. Attendance was very good with people from most of the churches in the association present. As a result, we believe our Sunday School work has improved. The hospitality of the people at Highland is appreciated.

On April 30 the Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic was held at First Baptist Church, Hickory. Conferences for all age-groups in VBS were provided by workers who had attended the State VBS Clinic at Wingate College. The clinic was well attended. The conference leaders and clinicians together laid a solid foundation for Vacation Bible Schools in our association. Thanks to First Church, Hickory for their help in providing the meal and space for the conferences.

In addition to these projects the Sunday School is joining with the Evangelism Division of the association in promoting the "Reach Out" emphasis which is now going on in the churches.

Also, members of the Sunday School staff have helped with the needs of individual churches during the year. These workers have also sought to improve their work by attending Caswell, Ridgecrest, and special conferences during the year. Their work is greatly appreciated.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

Wilson W. Aultman

Eight applications for Scholarships were received this year with five qualifying. The Trustees administered Scholarship funds as follows: two Scholarships in the budget and one Scholarship refunded last Fall when a student dropped out of school—amount \$300.00—were awarded to Miss Frances Pendley (second year) from Penelope Church to attend Mars Hill College; Miss Joanne Isbell from Fairgrove Church to attend Gardner-Webb College; Miss Gail Newton from Longview Church to attend Gardner-Webb College.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. Rose Wolff

Every church, regardless of its size and situation, has a response to make to the challenges that Jesus gave to His followers. Jesus commissioned His followers to share life and truth with others. Through the ages the living Christ has called His believers to be witnesses, to go and make disciples, to let the light of the Father shine through their lives. He still calls today. Missions is both a personal and group endeavor for the furtherance of the Gospel. Southern Baptist have two program organizations which lead members in missions involvement: Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood. Woman's Missionary Union is a program organization for providing missions opportunities for women, girls and young children.

Theron Rankin Associational Woman's Missionary Union offered many missions opportunities for our women and youth.

Officers serving this year were: Mrs. Barbara Bowman, Mission Friends Director from Lakeview Church; Mrs. Euguen Ledford, Girls In Action Director from Startown Church; Mrs. Larry Penley, Acteens Director from Mountain Grove Church, and assisting her, Mrs. Alvin Lane and Mrs. Mailon Nichols from Sandy Ridge Church; Mrs. B. R. Holbrook from Corinth Church assisted with work of Baptist Young Women; Mrs. James Glenn, Baptist Womens Director, from Hickory, First Church; Mrs. Rose Wolff, Woman's Missionary Union Director from Hickory, First; Mrs. Bob Hillard, Associate WMU Director from North Newton Church. Mrs. Ronda Russell, Hickory, First, is our Sec/Treasurer and Miss Helen Cater, Promotional Secretary is ex-officio member.

At the request of the pastor, Rev. Richard Fisher, and interested ladies, the Associational WMU officers helped to organize a full graded WMU at Fairgrove Church. We are very proud of and happy for this new organization.

Newton, First Church hosted our Associational WMU Leadership Conference with a goodly number of women in attendance. Conferences were led by Associational officers, and Miss Jane Wooten of Statesville who led the Mission Friends Conference due to the illness of Mrs. Bowman.

The annual WMU meeting was held at Hickory, First Church with Miss Debbie Leonhardt, missionary appointee to Foreign Missions as speaker. Her parents are members at Penelope Church. Rev. Phillip King installed the new officers in a beautiful candlelight service. Those installed are listed in the Association Officers section of these MINUTES.

Our Acteens met for Foreign Mission Study at Sandy Ridge with Miss Debbie Leonhardt teaching and their Home Mission Study at West Hickory with Rev. Larry Phillips leading the study. Mrs. Chou, Lenoir, a lovely Chinese lady, spoke to the girls and their leaders at the Acteens Rally at North Newton Church.

The Girls In Action had a Home Mission Study at Calvary, Newton with Mrs. I. D. Phillips, pastors wife at Startown, leading the study. Startown Church was the meeting place for a lovely candlelight Mother/Daughter Prayer Retreat.

Our associational WMU officers attended the State Associational Officers Workshop at Fruitland and three of our officers went to Winston-Salem for the State WMU meeting.

Penelope Church hosted the Associational Leadership Conference for the new year in September.

"You will be my witnesses. Go out, therefore, and make disciples of all Nations Let your light shine." (Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19; 5:16)

In Memoriam

BROOKFORD: Mr. R. S. Bolick

CALVARY, HICKORY: Mr. Youles Willis, Mr. Jeff Isenhour

CALVARY, NEWTON: Mrs. Ann Pitman, Mr. B. B. White, Mr. Wiley Dallas

CATAWBA: Mrs. George Trollinger

CENTRAL: Mr. Dwain Childers, Mrs. Lillian Shoupe

CORINTH: Mrs. Polly A. Robinson, Mrs. Cora Curtis, Mr. Bill Bumgarner,
Mr. Cicero Petty, Mr. Charlie Johnson

EAST FIRST ST.(N): Mr. C. G. Fox, Mr. Arthur Dellinger

FAIRGROVE: Mr. A. C. Sigmon, Mr. Dewey Stafford

EAST HICKORY: Mrs. Lunda Mae Clark, Miss Claudie Mitchell, Mr. Roy
Williams, Mr. H. C. Fisher

FIRST, HICKORY: Mr. L. E. Havnaer, Jr., Mrs. Clarence Owen, Mrs. Garland
Yount, Mrs. Mason Yeager, Mrs. J. L. Maness, Mrs. James Pritchard, Mrs.
Robert Goolsby, Miss Nina Wagner, Mrs. T. A. Moretz

WEST HICKORY: Mr. George Page, Mr. Bobby E. Rowe, Mr. Colon M.
Reese, Mr. Henry Reed, Mrs. G. C. Shepherd, Mr. Lee J. Hollar (Deacon)

HIGHLAND: Mrs. B. K. Rogers, Mr. Floyd E. Bass, Mr. M. C. Epperson, Mr.
Early L. Stover, Mrs. W. G. Bailey, Jr., Mr. W. B. Colbert, Mrs. Pearl
Walls, Mr. Willie Lafone, Mrs. Jessie Brinkley, Mrs. C. A. Newton, Mr.

Robert V. Martin, Mrs. E. J. Benfield, Mr. S. L. McNeely, Mrs. E. L. Lane
HILDEBRAN, FIRST: Mrs. Agnes Brittain, Mr. J. D. Hoyle (Deacon), Mrs.

Louise Wilson, Mrs. Osha Smith

ICARD: Mr. Pressley Jenkins

LONGVIEW: Mr. Leon Sikes, Mr. Gurley Pittman

MOUNTAIN GROVE: Mr. C. S. Echerd, Mrs. Helen B. Travis
 NEWTON, FIRST: Mrs. Clyde Bost, Mr. Roy L. Furr, Mr. B. L. Cabiness, Mr. Ralph Sharpe, Mr. Harland Coley, Mr. Buford Hicks, Mr. Aubrey Moose, Mr. R. B. Boston, Mr. Avery E. Edwards, Mrs. Bessie Bowman, Mrs. Esmma Roberts Shook
 NORTH NEWTON: Mrs. Maude Wilson, Mrs. Pauline Sigmon, Mrs. Gertie Isabell, Mrs. Thomas Newkirk
 OXFORD: Mrs. Virgil Allen
 PENELOPE: Mr. B. F. Childres, Mrs. D. C. Owens, Mr. I. W. Phillips, Mrs. Ada Pope, Mr. Connie Bebbber, Mr. Neil Mitchell, Mrs. Grover Rudisill, Mr. O. T. Stafford, Mr. Jesse Childres, Sr.
 PROVIDENCE: Mr. Pink Hoffman, Mr. Lester Lynn, Mr. Roscoe Whisnant
 SPRINGS ROAD: Mrs. Mattie Hutchison
 TEMPLE: Mrs. John Smyre, Mrs. Hazel Herman
 VIEWMONT: Mrs. Mamie Lusk, Mrs. Virginia Sheets, Mrs. Crace Cooke, Mr. Clifton Mosteller, Mr. Maynard Suddreth, Mrs. Maynard Suddreth, Miss Patricia Swink
 WARLICK'S: Mr. Homer Goodman (chmn. Deacons)
 WINKLER'S GROVE: Mrs. Goldie Pitman, Mrs. Vertie Edwards, Mr. C. A. Day, Mr. David Dennie, Mrs. Evelyn Stewart, Mr. Hill Smith, Mrs. Jeff Gilbert, Mrs. Rose Mask
 WOODLAWN: Mr. Jeffrey McCombs, Mr. Billy L. Price

Church Directory

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of the association are contained in Statistical Table A.

FULL TIME ASSISTANT PASTORS, EDUCATIONAL, MUSIC DIRECTORS, ORGANISTS, SECRETARIES

Name	Address	Church	Work
Anderson, Mrs. Jerry	Rt. 4, Box 189, Newton	North Newton	Church Secretary
Berry, Mrs. Robert	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Church Secretary
Berry, Miss Sheila	Box 142, Icard	Icard	Church Secretary
Brown, Charles R.	1246 2 St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Music
Burelson, Mrs. Steve	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Church Secretary
Byler, Rev. David O.	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Music
Castelloe, Rev. Raleigh	First Baptist Ch., Newton	Newton First	Ass't Pastor/Ed/Youth
Cook, Mrs. Lewis	Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory	Sandy Ridge	Church Secretary
Craig, Rev. Harold	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Music/Education
Dean, Rev. John C.	818 9 Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Ass't Pastor/Educ.
DeHart, Mrs. H. J. Jr.	Box 743, Conover	Woodlawn	Church Secretary
Drum, Mrs. Mack	First Baptist Ch., Newton	Newton, First	Church Secretary
Ellis, Harold	816 E. 22 St., Newton	North Newton	Music/Youth
Johnson, Mrs. Benny	Box 617, Hildebran	Hildebran, First	Church Secretary
Kiser, Ronald	Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory	Sandy Ridge	Ass't Pastor
Lail, Mrs. Ronald	40 12 St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Church Secretary
Lineberger, Edgar L.	40 12 St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Music/Education

Lundy, Rev. R. Tom	1246 2 St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Education/Youth
McDaniel, Mrs. Michael	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Pastor's Secretary
Mull, Mrs. Jane	Rt. 7, Box 57, Hickory	Winkler's Grove	Church Secretary
Panther, Mrs. Margaret	1246 2 St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Church Secretary
Phillips, Rev. Larry	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Ass't Pastor/Youth
Rhyne, Mrs. Ted	1246 2 St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Pastor's Secretary
Roark, Mrs. Betty	Rt. 6, Box 417, Hickory	Springs Road	Church Secretary
Robbins, Mrs. Larna	828 9 Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Church Secretary
Schronce, Mrs. Connie	Rt. 1, Box 132-A, Maiden	East 1 St. (N)	Church Secretary
Smith, Mrs. Clyde F.	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Financial Secretary
Stewart, Mrs. Jeniel	Rt. 9, Box 729, Hickory	Lakeview	Church Secretary
Stewart, Mrs. Steve	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Organist/Sec'y
Suggs, Julian S. III	828 9 Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Music/Youth
Tanner, Sidney E.	Rt. 6, Box 277, Hickory	East Hickory	Music/Youth
Vard, Mrs. Henry	130 16 St. SE, Hickory	East Hickory	Church Secretary
Whisnant, Mrs. Dean	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Church Secretary

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP
IN THE CHURCHES OF THE THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Church
Abernethy, Lt. Col. Alfred J. (Ch.),	1809 Dena Dr., San Angelo, Tex. 76907	Providence
Bettini, G. Milton (I), Box 382,	Conover 28613	Newton, First
Bryant, Wade (I), Rt. 4, Box 58,	Hickory 28601	Penelope
Carreno, Rick (E), 1705 Falmouth Way,	Modesto, Calif. 95350	Icard
Chambers, Barry (AP), Box 513,	Boiling Springs 28017	Penelope
Compton, J. D. (R), 1934 11 Ave. NE,	Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Connell, Lynn (I), Box 1556,	Hickory 28601	Viewmont
Cothern, William (I), Box 1292,	Hickory 28601	Penelope
Crump, Zeno (I), Rt. 7,	Hickory 28601	Warlicks
Denton, H. M. (Ch.), Rt. 9, Box 38,	Hickory 28601	Highland
Gilbert, Frank (I), Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	28612	Warlicks
Helton, Clyde (I), Box 234,	Hickory 28601	Longview
Hemphill, Fritz D. (R), 1221 12 Ave. SW,	Hickory 28601	West Hickory
Hicks, Fred (I), Box 434,	Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Lafone, Berry (I), Rt. 2, Box 109,	Hickory 28601	Springs Road
Melvin, William E. (I), Rt. 11, Box 392,	Hickory 28601	Highland
Penley, Dr. Larry (I), Rt. 8,	Hickory 28601	Mountain Grove
Pollack, John (I), 438 7 Ave. Pl. NW,	Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Price, J. Louis (R), 2820 1 Ave. NW,	Hickory 28601	West Hickory
Revels, Albert (I), 424 25 St. SW,	Hickory 28601	Longview
Rhodes, Joe C. (I), 105 Ann Ave.,	Newton 28658	North Newton
Robinson, Earnest C. (I), Rt. 2, Box 901,	Hickory 28601	Sandy Ridge
Sims, Samuel E. (E), 609 5 Ave. SW,	Hickory 28601	Hickory, First
Smith, E. B., Jr. (I), Rt. 2, Box 613,	Hickory 28601	Highland
Smith, J. Max (I), Box 96,	Hildebran 28637	Icard
Starnes, Ted L. (I), Route 6,	Hickory 28601	Sandy Ridge
Walker, Alvin A. (R), Box 876,	Newton 28658	Newton, First

LICENSED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES

Name	Address	Church
Berry, Lawrence R.,	Catawba 28609	Catawba
Conley, Harry,	Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612	Longview

Curtis, Harry, Box 27, Rhodhiss 28667	Wayside
Gibson, Charles, 256 24 St. SW, Hickory 28601	Wayside
Jones, Perry, Rt. 2, Box 210, Maiden 28650	E. 1st St.
Kistler, Billy, 1740 2 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	Unity
Marr, Bill, 414 20 St. SW, Hickory 28601	Unity
Teague, Donald, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 136, Newton 28658	Providence

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

Church	Name	Address
East 1st Street	Clifford C. Williams,	1620-B Penn Ave., Hendersonville
Hickory, First	Steve Teague,	615 N. Center St., Hickory 28601
Penelope	Michael Sigmon,	Box 651, Louisville, Ky. 40206
Penelope	J. Harold Craig,	Box 4065, Hickory 28601
Penelope	Barry Chambers,	Box 513, Boiling Springs 28017

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

Church	Name	Address
Claremont, First	James A. Pierce,	Rt. 1, Claremont 28610
East 1st St.	Perry Jones,	Rt. 2, Box 210, Maiden 28650
Penelope	Ellis Greenway,	Box 437, Boiling Springs 28017
Penelope	Claude Horton,	Box 193, Hickory 28601
Springs Road	Dennis Harding,	Rt. 9, Box 353-B, Hickory 28601

MISSIONS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

None

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

Church	Mission	Address
Viewmont	Flynn Home, Inc.,	706 Main Ave. SE, Hickory 28601
Viewmont	Nursecare,	220 13 Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601
Viewmont	Pell-Care,	1000 10 St. Blvd., NW, Hickory 28601
Woodlawn	Catawba Valley Rest Home,	Conover 28613

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Church	Name	Address
Calvary, Hickory	Miss Kathy Huffman,	719 19 St. SW, Hickory 28601
Catawba	Mrs. Allen Oxford,	Rt. 2, Box 169-C, Claremont 28610
Central	Mrs. Pat Christopher,	1540 33 St. SW, Hickory 28601
Corinth	Mrs. C. F. Rudisill,	Rt. 8, Box 587, Hickory 28601
East 1st Street	Mrs. Lucille Hooks,	Rt. 2, Box 138-D, Newton 28658
Fairgrove	Mrs. Debbie Byles,	Rt. 6, Box 566, Hickory 28601
Hickory, First	Mrs. Spurgeon Young,	196 23 St. NW, Hickory 28601
Hickory, West	Mrs. Joe Brown,	145 34 St. NW, Hickory 28601
Highland	Mrs. Trinton Hooks,	2121 25 St. Dr. NE, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First	Mrs. Ann H. Demiter,	Box 2195, Drexel 28619
Icard	Mrs. Ed Swann,	Box 4, Icard 28666

Lakeview	Mrs. W. C. Mansberger, Rt. 11, Box 676, Hickory	28601
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Glenn Herman, Rt. 8, Box 768, Hickory	28601
Newton, First	James E. Britt, 220 Pinehurst Lane, Newton	28658
North Newton	Mrs. Monty Moore, Rt. 1, Box 110-AL, Maiden	28650
Penelope	Mrs. Larry Huffman, Box 385, Hickory	28601
Providence	Miss Janice Rudisill, Rt. 1, Box 433, Hickory	28601
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Lewis Cook, Rt. 3, Box 256, Granite Falls	28630
Startown	Mrs. John Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 72-A, Newton	28658
Temple	Miss Janet Brackett, Rt. 3, Box 300, Hickory	28601
Viewmont	Mrs. Wesley Dockery, 730 6 St. NW, Hickory	28601
Warlicks	Mrs. Jewel Smith, Rt. 1, Valdese	
Winklers Grove	Darlene Winkler, 415 30 St. SW, Hickory	28601
Woodlawn	Mrs. Bob Mize, 610 2 Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory	28601

ORGANISTS

Church	Name	Address
Calvary, Hickory	Mrs. June Marr, Rt. 7, Box 207, Hickory	28601
Calvary, Newton	Mrs. Doris Hurley, 2402 N. Main Ave., Newton	28658
Catawba	Mrs. Carolyn Pendergrass, Box 448, Catawba	28609
Central	Miss Martha Eggers, Box 175, Hildebran	28637
Claremont, First	Mrs. Gene Brown, Box 144, Claremont	28610
Corinth	Mrs. Harold Whitener, Box 2833, Hickory	28601
East 1st Street	Mrs. Vernon Lyda, 212 Davis Ave., Newton	28658
Fairbrook	Mrs. Chloe Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 546-D, Newton	28658
Hickory, East	Mrs. Earl Sudduth, Rt. 5, Box 431-R, Hickory	28601
Hickory, First	Mrs. Steve Stewart, 929 3 Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory	28601
Hickory, West	Robert Smith, Box 177, Hudson	28638
Highland	Miss Eucella Hamilton, Box 186, Hickory	28601
Hildebran, First	Mrs. Lucille Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 780, Connelly Springs	28612
Icard	Mrs. Jim Jacumin, Box A, Icard	28666
Lakeview	Mrs. Howard Barnes, 441 28 Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory	28601
Longview	Mrs. Juanita Newton, 305 32 St. Pl. SW, Hickory	28601
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Charles L. Huffman, Rt. 8, Hickory	28601
Newton, First	Mrs. Charles Craig, 712 7 Ave. SW, Conover	28613
North Newton	Mrs. Joe Rhodes, 105 Ann Ave., Newton	28658
Oxford	Mrs. Margaret Starnes, Rt. 1, Box 685-A, Claremont	28610
Penelope	Mrs. Mayo Weaver, Box 1566, Hickory	18601
Providence	Mrs. Kathleen Brittain, Rt. 4, Box 396, Hickory	28601
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Lloyd Pittman, Box 1286, Hickory	28601
Springs Road	Mrs. Wayne Lail, Rt. 1, Box 416, Taylorsville	28658
Startown	Mrs. John H. Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 72-A, Newton	28658
Sweetwater	Mrs. Vonda Buchanan, 116 W. 27 St., Newton	28658
Temple	Mrs. Gene Swanson, Rt. 3, Box 33, Hickory	28601
Unity	Denise Bolick, 100 30 Ave. NW, Hickory	28601
Viewmont	Mrs. Nancy Annas, Rt. 10, Box 183, Hickory	28601
Warlick's	Mrs. Valerie Hendrix, Rt. 1, Valdese	
Wayside	Opal Gibson, 526 24 St. SW, Hickory	28601
Winkler's Grove	Jennifer Allen, 3568 1 Ave. Cr., NW, Hickory	28601
Woodlawn	Mrs. David Stewart, 413 1 Ave. Pl. NE, Conover	28613

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Church	Name	Address
Central	Jimmy Hipps, Rt. 2, Box 614, Connelly Springs	28612
East 1st Street	Charles Taylor, 1506 N. Frye Ave., Newton	28658
Hickory, East	Jimmy Huffman, 1530 23 Ave. Pl. QE, Hickory	28601
Hickory, First	Kenneth Hogue, Rt. 6, Box 801, Hickory	28601
Hickory, West	Larry Rhoney, 2119 4 Ave. NW, Hickory	28601
Highland	Ted Setzer, 1013 7 St. NE, Hickory	28601
Hildebran, First	Wayne Young, Hildebran	28637
Icard	Walter Suddreth, Rt. 3, Box 572, Connelly Springs	28612
Longview	Tommy Cochran, 752 8 St. SW, Hickory	28601
Newton, First	Raleigh Castelloe, 721 S. College Ave., Newton	28658
Oxford	Gene Vallini, Rt. 2, Box 493, Connelly Springs	28612
Penelope	Don Smith, Rt. 7, Box 81, Hickory	28601
Springs Road	Jack Huffman, Jr., Rt. 4, Box 168, Conover	28613
Viewmont	Bill Cook, 786 23 Ave. NE, Hickory	28601
Warlicks	Ronnie Hastings, Rt. 2, Box 520, Connelly Springs	28612
Wayside	Roy Houston, 537 32 St. SW, Hickory	28601
Winklers Grove	Charles Abee, Rt. 1, Box 346, Valdese	28690

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

Church	Name	Address
Calvary (N)	Ed Warren, 714 S. Dale Avenue, Newton	28658
Catawba	Neil Wike, Rt. 1, Box 322, Catawba	28609
Claremont, First	Mrs. H. T. Little, Box 193, Claremont	28610
East 1st Street	Thad Crump, 2107 N. Stewart Ave., Newton	28658
Hickory, East	Carl Stewart, Box 575, Hickory	28601
Hickory, First	Milton Trawick, Box 686, Hickory	28601
Hickory, West	Robert G. Carswell, 408 25 St. NW, Hickory	28601
Hildebran, First	Enoch Johnson, Hildebran	28637
Newton, First	Bobby Robinson, 1520 Brentwood Dr., Newton	28658
Newton, North	Ed Parkhurst, 1820 N. College Ave., Newton	28658
Springs Road	Joe Watkins, 1732 29 St. NE, Hickory	28601
Viewmont	Albert A. Young, Rt. 11, Box 615, Hickory	28601
Warlick's	Roscoe Huffman, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	28612
Wayside	Ed Cook, Rt. 7, Box 796, Hickory	28601
Winkler's Grove	Willard Cline, Rt. 7, Box 89, Hickory	28601

Historical Table

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First; Hildebran, First	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	V. C. Martin
1957	West Hickory; Mtn. Grove	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	O. Jack Murphy
1958	Viewmont; Providence	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	James Helvey, Jr.
1959	Catawba; Hickory, First	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	B. R. Holbrook
1960	East Hickory; Viewmont	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	Albert A. Young
1961•	Penelope	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Matt L. Hastings
1962	Warlick's	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Jack L. Falls
1963	Newton, First; Highland	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	Frank H. Thomas
1964	Hickory, First; Corinth	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	J. Roy Robinson
1965	Hildebran, First; Central	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	James R. Rowles, Jr.
1966	Viewmont; Providence	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	Harold A. Savell
1967	Icard; North Newton	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	Wayne V. Riddle
1968	Catawba; West Hickory	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	L. Vernon Connell
1969	Springs Road; Winklers Grove	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Roy Beals
1970	East Hickory; Lakeview	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Ted L. Starnes
1971	Sweetwater; Penelope	Gerald C. Goodwin	Miss Helen Cater	Harvey Laughter
1972	Highland; Longview	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	Wray G. Barrett
1973	Providence; Woodlawn	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	William J. Furr
1974	Sandy Ridge/Temple	William J. Furr	Miss Helen Cater	Harold Threatt

Statistical Tables

TABLE A CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER INFORMATION													1974		
Association THERON RANKIN															
State NORTH CAROLINA															
Associational Clerk MISS HELEN CATER															
Address 354 First Avenue, NW													City Hickory	State North Carolina	Zip 28601
CHURCHES		PASTORS & ADDRESSES													
Brookford	W. C. Laney, 161 20 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601														
Calvary (H)	D. E. Couch, Sr., 802 3 St. SE, Hickory 28601														
Calvary (N)	Fred E. Thompson, 814 S. Brady Ave., Newton 28658														
Catawba	Kenneth Page, Box 247, Catawba 28609														
Central	J. Bruce Walker, Box 1974, Hickory 28601														
Claremont, First	V. C. Martin, Box 507, Claremont 28610														
Corinth	B.R. Holbrook, Rt. 3, Box 26, Vale 28168														
East First St. (N)	Raymond H. Brown, Box 273, Newton 28658														
Fairbrook	Ervel Jones, Rt. 4, 11 Westside Hills, Newton 28658														
Fairgrove	Richard Fisher, Rt. 11, Box 15, Hickory 28601														
Hickory, East	Joe D. Coltrane, 122 16 St. SE, Hickory 28601														
Hickory, First	R. F. Smith, Jr., 354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601														
Hickory, West	H. Phillip King, 40 12 St., NW, Hickory 28601														
Highland	Roy Beals, 828 9 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601														
Hildebran, First	Ben A. Byrd, Jr., Box 317, Hildebran 28637														
Icard	Harvey Llaughter, Box 190, Icard 28666														
Lakeview	Walter L. Cooley, 423 8 Ave. Dr., NW, Hickory 28601														
Longview	Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., Box 4006, Hickory 28601														
Mountain Grove	Homer E. Bradey, 32 Elizabeth Ave. SE, Hickory 28601														
Newton, First	William J. Furr, 122 W. 7 St., Newton 28658														
Newton, North	Bob H. Hillard, 316 W. 21 St., Newton 28658														
Oxford	Bobby A. Langston, Rt. 4, Box 244, Conover 28613														
Penelope	(none)														
Providence	(none)														
Sandy Ridge	Homer F. Greene, Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory 28601														
Springs Road	Wray G. Barrett, Rt. 2, Box 175, Hickory 28601														
Startown	I. D. Phillips, Rt. 1, Box 32, Newton 28658														
Sweetwater	Gerald Alley, 621 21 St. SE, Hickory 28601														
Temple	Smoot Baker, 825 8 St. SE, Hickory 28601														
Unity	Wilborn Merck, 2947 2 Ave., SW, Hickory 28601														
Viewmont	Albert A. Young, 1246 2 St., NE, Hickory 28601														
Warlick's	Matt L. Hastings, Rt. 2, Box 520, Connelly Spgs. 28612														
Wayside	Jason Stilwell, Rt. 1, Box 230A, Hudson 28638														
Winkler's Grove	Kenneth Faulkenbury, Rt. 7, Box 57, Hickory 28601														
Woodlawn	Harold L. Threatt, Box 726, Conover 28613														
TOTALS					563	641	741	13580	3321	16901	131	66	983200	11315533	1028038

TABLE B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL																			
1974																			
Association	THERON RANKIN																		
State	NORTH CAROLINA																		
Associational Sunday School Director	REV. RALEIGH CASTELLOE																		
Address	First Baptist Church	Newton	State	North Carolina	Zip	28657													
CHURCHES	SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES																		
Brookford	Mrs. H. F. Wallace, Rt. 1, Box 212, Hickory 28601																		
Calvary (H)	John Asherbranner, 1765 13 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601																		
Calvary (N)	Bill Styers, 2402 N. Main Ave., Newton 38658																		
Catawba	John H. Stewart, Rt. 1, Box 256, Catawba 28609																		
Central	B. K. Lail, Jr., Box 82, Hildebran 38637																		
Claremont, First	Basil Boggs, 123 Caleb Setzer Rd., Newton 38658																		
Corinth	Jackson Crawley, Rt. 3, Vale 28168																		
East 1st St. (N)	Wilburn Hooks, Rt. 2, Box 56, Newton 38658																		
Fairbrook	Horace Lail, Rt. 11, Box 76, Hickory 28601																		
Fairgrove	Lewis Weston, Rt. 2, Box 76, Conover 38613																		
Hickory, East	Carl Stewart, Box 575, Hickory 28601																		
Hickory, First	Tom Maxwell, Box 2364, Hickory 28601																		
Hickory, West	Harold Lail, 153 36 St. NW, Hickory 28601																		
Highland	Kenneth Ferguson, Box 71, Hickory 28601																		
Hildebran, First	Ray Childers, Box 467, Hildebran 28637																		
Icard	J. Max Smith, Box 96, Hildebran 39637																		
Lakeview	C. Edwin Reed, Rt. 1, Box 275, Taylorsville 28681																		
Longview	Donald Pruitt, 203 39 St. Pl. SW, Hickory 28601																		
Mountain Grove	Martin Frank, Rt. 8, Box 296, Hickory 28601																		
Newton, First	Aubrey Horton, Rt. 3, Box 220F, Conover 28613																		
Newton, North	M. J. Upchurch, Box 201, Claremont 28610																		
Oxford	Kenneth McCray, Rt. 1, Box 681A, Claremont 28610																		
Penelope	J. Harold Craig, 3310. Main Ave. NW, Hickory 28601																		
Providence	Joe D. Teague, Rt. 8, Box 540, Hickory 28601																		
Sandy Ridge	Roy D. Killian, 1508 16 St. NE, Hickory 28601																		
Springs Road	Bill Holland, Rt. 1, Box 145, Conover 28613																		
Startown	Jerry Warren, Rt. 1, Box 480, Newton 28658																		
Sweetwater	Vernon Roberts, Rt. 2, Random Woods, Hickory 28601																		
Temple	Gene Swanson, Rt. 3, Box 33, Hickory 28601																		
Unity	Paul Black, Box 192, Hildebran 39637																		
Viewmont	Charles R. Young, 735 15 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601																		
Warlick's	James Hildebrand, Rt. 2, Connelly Spgs. 28612																		
Wayside	Robert McClellan, 1032 15 St. SE, Hickory 28601																		
Winkler's Grove	Jack G. Mull, Rt. 7, Box 100, Hickory 28601																		
Woodlawn	Phillip Pitman, Rt.3, Box 21, Conover 28613																		
	TOTALS																		
	23	1346	1941	2007	1597	3112	1032	102	170	181	79	11590	6179	18	379	30	4569	150	4719

TABLE C TRAINING UNION											1974																	
Association																												
State																												
NORTH CAROLINA																												
Associational Training Union Director																												
Address																												
Route 4, Box 354												City State Zip																
Hickory North Carolina 28601																												
CHURCHES												TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES																
Brookford	Mrs. Neal Stepp, 1691 S. Center St., Hickory 28601											Preschool enrollment (5 years and under—not in school)	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	Completed		Completed	Registration	Member Training Projects	88
Calvary (H)	Tommy Crump, 2515 15 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601											Children enrollment (6-11 years or grades 1-6)	10	5	11	12	12	13	5			68	30					
Calvary (N)	(none)											Youth enrollment (12-17 years or grades 7-12)	6	7	8	2	8	4	2			37	27					
Catawba	(none)											Young Adult enrollment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)																
Central	Jimmie Stephens, 3005 10 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601											Adult enrollment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	4	17	30	8	20	2	3			84	52					
Claremont, First	Mrs. V. C. Martin, Box 507, Claremont 28610											Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over or retirement and over)	17	21	11		30		2			81	67					
Corinth	Mrs. Bill Fox, Rt. 3, Box 382A, Vale 28168											Total Training Union ongoing enrollment	4	5	14	6	8	14	3			54	40					
East 1st ST. (N)	Larry Travis, 19 N. Davis Ave., Newton 28658											Enrollment of mission(s) of church	18	26	21	6	29	7	2		24	109	94					
Fairbrook	Thomas Shelton, Rt. 3, Newton 28658											General officers enrollment	2	7	8	11	23	3	2			56	38					
Fairgrove	(none)											Adult enrollment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)																
Hickory, East	Ray DeHart, Rt. 6, Box 546, Hickory 28601											Young Adult enrollment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	9	21	26		42		4			102	50					
Hickory, First	(none)											Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over or retirement and over)							2		2	2						
Hickory, West	(none)											Adult enrollment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	5	17	19	16	45	4	115			36						
Highland	(none)											Young Adult enrollment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)																
Hildebran, First	Larry Huffman, Hildebran 28637											Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over or retirement and over)	7	23	10	23	20	6	2			91	80					
Icard	Ray Horton, 718 10 St. Blvd, NW, Hickory 28601											Adult enrollment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	7	25	23	16	14	7	3			95	68					
Lakeview	(none)											Young Adult enrollment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)										25	13					
Longview	Rodney Cook, 2519 13 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601											Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over or retirement and over)	4	7	12		21		4			48	27					
Mountain Grove	Erroll Ward, Rt. 8, Box 151, Hickory 28601											Adult enrollment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	6	29	29	9	18		3			94	51					
Newton, First	Robert Wright, 402 4 St. Dr., NW, Conover 28613											Young Adult enrollment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	30	26	35		35		6			132	65					
North Newton	Jones Sheets, 306 Thomas Dr., Newton 28658											Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over or retirement and over)																
Oxford	J.J. Black, Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover 28613											Adult enrollment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	3	6	15		21		2			47	34					
Penelope	Lanny Harkey, 1305 11 Ave. SE, Hickory 28601											Young Adult enrollment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	5	18	11	5	29		2			70	49					
Providence	Mrs. Helen Asherbranner, Rt. 8, Box 528, Hickory 28601											Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over or retirement and over)	11	26	32	25	15	20	4			133	65					
Sandy Ridge	Dale Christenbury, Rt. 6, Box 758 (No. 57), Hickory 28601											Adult enrollment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	9	9	5	6	20	5	2			56	36					
Springs Road	Larry Surratte, Rt. 3, Box 330AA, Taylorsville 28681											Young Adult enrollment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	8	11	18		33	11	4			85	50					
Startown	Brown Buchanan, Rt. 1, Box 79, Newton 28658											Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over or retirement and over)	17	26	31	16	15	24	3		6	132	64					
Sweetwater	Jerry Hoyle, Rt. 1, Conover 28613											Adult enrollment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	6	6	7	8	22		4			53	30					
Temple	Wayne McDowell, Rt. 3, Box 319B, Newton 28658											Young Adult enrollment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	8	12	15			26	1			62	27					
Unity	(none)											Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over or retirement and over)	10	14	36	13	22		3			98	45					
Viewmont	R. Tom Lundy, 1246 2 St. NE, Hickory 28601											Adult enrollment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	9	18	33		30		4		8	94	58					
Warlick's	Homer Goodman, Box 224, Rhodhiss 28667											Young Adult enrollment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	2	6			12		2			22	10					
Wayside	(none)											Senior Adult enrollment (60 and over or retirement and over)																
Winkler's Grove	Mrs. Nancy Allen, 3568 1 Ave. Cir. NW, Hickory 28601											Adult enrollment (30-59 years or 30 to retirement)	22	25	38		48		4			137	76					
Woodlawn	Paul Headrick, Box 108, Conover 28613											Young Adult enrollment (18-29 years or H.S. graduation to 29 years)	22	32	20	5	35	5	3		35	122	64					
TOTALS													261	445	518	187	627	156	85		2279	1335	254	227				

TABLE D CHURCH MUSIC													
1974													
Association													
THERON RANKIN													
State													
NORTH CAROLINA													
Associational Music Director													
EDGAR LINEBERGER													
Address													
1135 Main Ave. Dr. NW Hickory North Carolina 28601													
CHURCHES													
MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES													
Brookford	Miss Muriel Simpson	2391 S. Center St., Hickory	28601										
Calvary, (H)	John Marr, Rt. 7, Box 207, Hickory	28601											
Calvary (N)	Mrs. Anne Holsclaw, 1516 N. Deal Ave., Newton	28658											
Catawba	Mrs. Sandra Beatty, Rt. 2, Box 65AA, Statesville	28678											
Central	Benny Johnson, Box 671, Hildebran	28637											
Claremont, First	Henry Greene, Rt. 2, Lazy "S", Claremont	28610											
Corinth	Harold Whitener, Box 2833, Hickory	28601											
East 1st St. (N)	Charles Taylor, 1506 N. Frye Ave., Newton	28658											
Fairbrook	Francis Henry, 210 W. 20½ St., Newton	28658											
Fairgrove	(none)												
Hickory, East	Sidney E. Tanner, Rt. 6, Box 277, Hickory	28601											
Hickory, First	David O. Byler, 616 N. Center St., Hickory	28601											
Hickory, West	Edgar L. Lineberger, 1135 Main Ave. Dr., NW, Hickory	28601											
Highland	Julian Suggs, III, 858 8 St. NE, Hickory	28601											
Hildebran, First	Larry Abernethy, Rt. 4, Box 832, Hickory	28601											
Icard	John Mode, Hildebran	28637											
Lakeview	Louis Robinson, 533 18 St., NW, Hickory	28601											
Longview	Leonard Tolbert, 1875 28 St. NE, Hickory	28601											
Mountain Grove	Clarence Roberts, Box 2553, Hickory	28601											
Newton, First	Charles B. Craig, 712 7 Ave. SW, Conover	28613											
Newton, North	Harold D. Ellis, 816 E. 22 St., Newton	28658											
Oxford	Mrs. Charles Curtis, Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover	28613											
Penelope	J. Harold Craig, Box 4065, Hickory	28601											
Providence	Buddy Whitener, Rt. 8, Box 540, Hickory	28601											
Sandy Ridge	Lloyd D. Pittman, Box 1286, Hickory	28601											
Springs Road	Larry Surratte, Rt. 3, Box 330AA, Taylorsville	28681											
Startown	Dillon Cannon, Rt. 1, Box 21-C, Hickory	28601											
Sweetwater	Mrs. Frances Clontz, Rt. 3, Box 445, Hickory	28601											
Temple	Mrs. Smoot Baker, 603 12 Ave. NE, Hickory	28601											
Unity	Flay Hollar, Rt. 7, Box 186, Hickory	28601											
Viewmont	Charles R. Brown, Rt. 9, Box 214, Hickory	28601											
Warlick's	Mrs. Vera Knox, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	28612											
Wayside	Mrs. Ed Cook, Rt. 7, Box 796, Hickory	28601											
Winkler's Grove	Willard Cline, Rt. 7, Box 89, Hickory	28601											
Woodlawn	(none)												
TOTALS			184	447	559	913	78	170	17	209	2577	1776	114

TABLE F BROTHERHOOD										1974				
<div>Association THERON RANKIN</div> <div>State NORTH CAROLINA</div> <div>Associational Brotherhood Director NONE</div> <div>Address<div>CityStateZip</div></div>														
CHURCHES		BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES												
Brookford Calvary (H)	None	Jonathan Hefner, Rt. 2, Box 212, Newton 28658												
Calvary (N)	M. L. Adair, 642 W. 8 St., Newton 28658													
Catawba	None													
Central	Alford Crow, Rt. 2, Box 599A, Connelly Spgs. 28612													
Claremont, First	Henry C. Lowrance, Box 194, Conover 28613													
Corinth	None													
East 1st St (N)	Larry Travis, 19 N. Davis Ave., Newton 28658													
Fairbrook	Francis Henry, 210 W. 20½ St., Newton 28658													
Fairgrove	Paul Lail, Rt. 1, Box 5, Conover 28613													
Hickory, East	Donald Starnes, 1810 33 St. NE, Hickory 28601													
Hickory, First	None													
Hickory, West	None													
Highland	Claude Parrish, Rt. 9, Box 734, Hickory 28601													
Hildebran, First	B. J. Abernethy, Box 195, Hildebran 28637													
Icard	Robert Huffman, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612													
Lakeview	None													
Longview	Stanley Conger, Gen. Del., Hildebran 28637													
Mountain Grove	Phillip Buckner, Rt. 8, Box 167, Hickory 28601													
Newton, First	James Leatherman, 706 Westside Dr., Newton 28601													
Newton, North	Joe Rhodes, 105 Ann Ave., Newton 28658													
Oxford	None													
Penelope	Robert Smith, 4037 1st Ave. SW, Hickory 28601													
Providence	Darvin Punch, Rt. 3, Box 294B, Vale 28168													
Sandy Ridge	Lawrence Brown, Rt. 1, Box 990, Hickory 28601													
Springs Road	Berry Lafone, Rt. 2, Box 109, Hickory 28601													
Startown	Dillon Cannon, Rt. 1, Box 21C, Hickory 28601													
Sweetwater	R. W. Bruner, Rt. 2, Conover 28613													
Temple	Wayne McDowell, Rt. 3, Box 319B, Newton 28658													
Unity	Flay Hollar, Rt. 7, Box 186, Hickory 28601													
Viewmont	None													
Warlick's	Andrew Hastings, 1840 4 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601													
Wayside	None													
Winkler's Grove	David Mull, 132 27 St., NW, Hickory 28601													
Woodlawn	Frank Moore, 2nd Ave. Pl. NE, Conover 28613													
TOTALS		440	201	73	33	382	43	14	25					1211

TABLE G TOTAL RECEIPTS, LOCAL EXPENDITURES & STEWARDSHIP																			1974
Association THERON RANKIN																			
State NORTH CAROLINA																			
Associational Treasurer FRELON W. BROOME																			
Address 345 7 Ave. P1. NW		City Hickory		State North Carolina		Zip 28601													
CHURCHES		TREASURERS & ADDRESSES																	
Brookford		55		x						18983		18983		3000			550	6663	10213
Calvary (H)	Mrs. Katie Parker, 1728 2 St. SW, Hickory 28601	15				x				22186	173	22359		8985	5435		575	5711	20706
Calvary (N)	Guy Huffman, 719 19 St. SW, Hickory 28601					x		8	001	42071	1050	43121	1381	9744	1053	10087	1247	10427	32558
Catawba	Kenneth Wiggs, Rt. 4, Box 100, Newton 28658	30								28164		28164		9600	9000		949	10931	30480
Central	Mrs. Janice Bumgarner, Box 38, Catawba	100				x		10	007	75072	1959	77031		14260	18609	1218	2013	11478	47578
Claremont, First	Carroll Eckard, Gen. Del., Connelly Spgs. 28612	46				x				28941	284	29225	62000	5612	93373	6809	782	11157	117733
Corinth	Mrs. Ross J. Little, Rt. 1, Box 467, Claremont 28610	50		x				5	1	34545		34545		12225			937	18327	31489
East 1st St. (N)	Charles Anthony, Rt. 3, Box 35A, Vale 28168	159				x		10	1	48116	32396	80512		11200		6774	700	48975	67649
Fairbrook	Gene Hass, Box 384, Newton 28658	30								16715	236	16951		4960	4719		506	479	10664
Fairgrove	Mrs. Chloe Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 546D, Newton 28658	28		x						23090		23090		9348		7378	869	3811	21406
Hickory, East	Mrs. Debbie Byles, Rt. 6, Box 566, Hickory 28601	125		x				9	006	70351		70351	12000	20442	4725	8094	1895	24062	59218
Hickory, First	Parks Rogers, 933 14 St., SE, Hickory 28601	293				x		20	006	339048	64400	403448		72993		80271	4008	69543	226815
Hickory, West	Dewey V. Wright, 316 25 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	300		x				25	1.2	116153		116153	14000	33051		5048	3188	41721	83008
Highland	Mrs. Ronald Lail, 40 12 St. NW, Hickory 28601	250		x				20	1	186232		186232		53044			9673	72125	134842
Hildebran, First	Robert Hodges, 1016 6 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	115		x				10	1.05	81310	2309	83619		18495			1220	21473	41188
Icard	Frank Johnson, Box 391, Hildebran 28637	130				x		10	005	71834	600	72434		16912		47	1997	21111	40067
Lakeview	Mrs. Amos Lingerfelt, Box 245, Icard 28666	50		x				25	008	59911		59911		14567		5823	1200	13592	35182
Longview	Robert H. Bowles, Rt. 10, Box 70, Hickory 28601	50		x				10	1	21295		21295		10740	446	1565	671	6856	20278
Mountain Grove	Fred Cochran, 752 8 St. SW, Hickory 28601	75				x				58556		58556		20280		15766	2599	13732	52377
Newton, First	Eddie Whitener, Rt. 8, Box 58, Hickory 28601	345		x				11	1	107613		107613		39500		6835	408	40792	87535
Newton, North	J.R. Roberts, 718 Westside Dr., Newton 28658	120				x		10	1	85580	346	85926	27839	26001	60618	29960	1381	12519	130479
Oxford	Ed Parkhurst, 1820 N. College Ave., Newton 28658	58				x		10	1	24333		24333		7890		4807	1037	8957	22691
Penelope	Mrs. Charles Curtis, Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover 28613	388				x		18	2	179252	72235	251487	116957	33831	188931		8396	102840	333998
Providence	Mrs. Edith Triggs, 3564 1 Ave. Cir., BW, Hickory 28601			x						30275		30275		8115		8780	363	7702	24960
Sandy Ridge	Gary Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 354, Hickory 28601	75						10	005	81924		81924	25000	25157	32000	17239	2300	32493	109189
Springs Road	James C. Harmon, Rt. 9, Box 235, Hickory 28601	87				x		12	1	82583		82583	35000	20220	20000	17138	2298	20300	79956
Startown	Mrs. Betty Roark, Rt. 6, Box 417, Hickory 28601	39				x		10	1	23311	30	23341	100000	8640	26470	10035	1184	5357	51686
Sweetwater	Arnold Putnam, Rt. 1, Box 343, Maiden 28650	25		x				10	1	19874		19874		5815	2600	4680	523	2365	15983
Temple	Johnny Clontz, Rt. 3, Box 445, Hickory 28601	70		x				12	1	54404		54404		16964	1042	13905	773	21977	54661
Unity	Richard Brittain, Rt. 11, Box 264, Hickory 28601	51						6	1	21927		21927	13600	8800		7500	318	5288	21906
Viewmont	Robert Conley, 514 26 St. NW, Hickory 28601	125				x		17	007	162788		162788		54776		2914	2771	65084	125545
Warlick's	Mrs. Margaret Panther, Rt. 6, Box 1426, Hickory	75		x				10		28325	569	28894		7800			886	17704	26390
Wayside	Mrs. Robert Ennis, Box 99, Icard 28666	12								8289		8289		6711			138	231	7080
Winkler's Grove	Mrs. Edith McClellan, 1032 15 St. SE, Hickory 28601	208		x					003	71613		71613	21000	21630	12679		1110	12324	47743
Woodlawn	A. G. Mull, 417 25 St. SW, Hickory 28601	100		x				10	006	120119	23000	143119		17125	5000	51667	3688	50518	127998
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Association THERON RANKIN														Church Sponsored Missions				OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES											Grand Total Mission expenditures				
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Association MISS HELEN CATER																																	
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354 First Avenue, NW																												Hickory		North Carolina	28601		
CHURCHES														CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES																			
Brookford	Miss Jane Wilson, 1743 S. Center St., Hickory 28601														14870	60													10790	25660			
Calvary (H)	Jonathan Hefner, Rt. 2, Box 212, Newton 28658															300														3470	3470		
Calvary (N)	Mrs. Pat Pate, 302 Union St., Maiden 28650														3549	324															6015		
Catawba	Miss Edna Danner, Box 443, Catawba 28609														1850	191															3679		
Central	Mrs. Ruby Johnson, Gen. Del., Hildebran 28637														4102	300															6442		
Claremont, First	Mrs. H. T. Little, Box 193, Claremont 28610														459	100															1084		
Corinth	Mrs. Tommy Poovey, Rt. 3, Box 325, Vale 28168														1500	295															5597		
East 1st St. (N)	Mrs. Charles Taylor, 1506 N. Frye Ave., Newton 28658														4935	360															12863		
Fairbrook	Mrs. Fred Phillips, Rt. 4, Box 183A, Conover														11	92															2193		
Fairgrove	Mrs. A. C. Sigmon, Rt. 2, Box 163, Conover 28613														297	100															790		
Hickory, East	Mrs. Jimmy Huffman, 1530 23 Ave. Pl. NE, Hickory 28601														7020	468															10159		
Hickory, First	Mrs. Clyde F. Smith, 354 1st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601														55266	1900															86013		
Hickory, West	Mrs. Ronald Lail, 40 12 St. NW, Hickory 28601														30027	975															35963		
Highland	V. H. White, Box 355, Hickory 28601														25571	1400															37547		
Hildebran, First	Mrs. Benny Johnson, Box 671, Hildebran 28637														5200	516																11680	
Icard	Allen Stafford, Box 480, Icard 28666														7187	375																14412	
Lakeview	Mrs. Jeneil Stewart, Rt. 9, Box 729, Hickory 28601														9240	374																11607	
Longview	Mrs. Jean Pruitt, 203 39 St. Pl. SW, Hickory 28601														635	347															1555		
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Jim Leatherman, Rt. 8, Box 340, Hickory 28601														2846	350															6033		
Newton, First	Mrs. James Leatherman, 706 Westside Dr., Newton 28658														12223	902															20238		
Newton, North	Mrs. Marcell Whisnant, 511 E. 21 St., Newton 28658														6601	560																10117	
Oxford	Mrs. Joe Canipe, Rt. 1, Box 592, Conover 28613														1510	30															1728		
Penelope	Cecil Sigmon, 318 33 St. SW, Hickory 28601														15160	308															22192		
Providence	Mrs. Helen Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 433, Hickory 28601														830	200															4036		
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Larry Teague, Rt. 9, Box 828, Hickory 28601														4500	391																7319	
Springs Road	Roy Lafone, Rt. 2, Box 135, Hickory														7182	525																9497	
Startown	Mrs. Johnny Hughey, Rt. 4, Box 233, Newton 28658														1400	186																2176	
Sweetwater	Bobby Buchanan, 116 W. 27 St., Newton 28658														1308	136															1925		
Temple	Mrs. Jack Franklin, 2230 15 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601														5836	380																7718	
Unity	Mrs. Joyce Waycaster, 70 34 St. NW, Hickory 28601														125	175																622	
Viewmont	Mrs. Ted Rhyme, 1191 18 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601														25041	1137																12281	
Warlick's	Mrs. Homer Goodman, Box 224, Rhodhiss 28667														2103	240																	3005
Wayside	Mrs. Edith Cook, Rt. 7, Box 796, Hickory 28601															12																12	
Winkler's Grove	Ray Zimmerman, Rt. 2, Box 160, Connelly Spgs. 28612														5960	250																	1122
Woodlawn	W. E. Burton, Jr., Box 743, Conover 28613															399																	8611
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Harold E. Deal (1977)..... 1690 2 St. NW, Hickory 28601
(to be named) (1978).....

ASSOCIATIONAL AUXILIARIES

Raleigh Castelloe, Sunday School Director..... First Baptist Church, Newton 28658
Mrs. Smoot Baker, Church Training Director..... 603 12 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601
Mrs. J. Bruce Walker, WMU Director..... P.O. Box 1974, Hickory 28601
B. J. Abernethy, Brotherhood Director..... P.O. Box 195, Hildebran 28637
David O. Byler, Music Director..... 616 North Center St., Hickory 28601

BOARD REPRESENTATIVES, STATE OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr. Smoot Baker (1978) General Board, Baptist State Convention..... Hickory
Mr. Donald E. Greene (1977) Trustee, Gardner-Webb College..... Hickory
Mr. Howell C. Fox (1977) Trustee, Mars Hill College..... Hickory
Mr. J. Bruce Teague (1977) Trustee, Gardner-Webb College..... Hickory
Dr. R. F. Smith, Jr. (1977) Trustee, Wake Forest University..... Hickory
Mr. E. Murray Tate, Jr. (1978) Region 8 Representative, General Board..... Hickory
Mr. A. H. Field (1978) Trustee, Baptist Hospital..... Hickory
Dr. R. F. Smith, Jr. (1978) Trustee, Southeastern Seminary..... Hickory
E. Ted Chandler, M. D. (1979) Trustee, Children's Homes..... Hickory
Mr. Harold E. Deal (1979) Trustee, Children's Homes..... Hickory
Rev. J. Harold Craig (1979) Trustee, Home Mission Board..... Hickory
Rev. David O. Byler, Chorister, N. C. Baptist Pastors Conference..... Hickory
Rev. Larry Phillips, President, N.C. Chapter of Southeastern Seminary
Alumni Assoc..... Hickory

STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAM: Rev. J. Bruce Walker, Chmn., Box 1974, Hickory; Mrs. W. J. Furr, Rev. Gerald Alley,
Rev. David Byler, Dr. Ben Byrd, (Pastor of Catawba Church)
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Lineberger, Dr. Ben Byrd, Rev. V. C. Martin
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ner, Mrs. Aubrey D. Folk, Rev. Ronald Kiser
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Tate, Jr., Rev. John Dean

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Home Missions..... Mrs. Bernard Bock, 712 Westside Drive, Newton
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Mrs. Phillip King, Youth Director..... 1205 Main Ave. Drive, NW, Hickory 28601
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 Mrs. Rose Wolff, Mission Study Chairman. 421 1st Ave. NW, Hickory 28601

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 K. N. Houston. Rt. 9, Box 292, Hickory 28601

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Rev. David O. Byler, Director. 616 North Center St., Hickory 28601

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Claremont, First	Frank Boggs	Rt. 2, Claremont 28610
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Icard	J. Max Smith	Box 96, Hildebran 28637
Lakeview	C. Edwin Reed	Rt. 1, Box 275, Taylorsville 28681
Longview	Julius J. Cook	2519 13th Avenue, SW, Hickory 28601
Mountain Grove	Ralph Parker, Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 299-C, Hickory 28601
Newton, First	James E. Britt	220 Pinehurst Lane, Newton 28658
Newton, North	M. J. Upchurch	Box 201, Claremont 28610
Oxford	J. J. Black	Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover 28613

Penelope	Harold Craig	Box 4065, Hickory 28601
Providence	M. S. Brittain	Rt. 4, Box 396, Hickory 28601
Sandy Ridge	Boyce Dobbins	Rt. 10, Box 464, Hickory 28601
Springs Road	Joe Watkins	1732 29 St. NE, Hickory 28601
Startown	Jerry Warren	Rt. 1, Box 480, Newton 28658
Sweetwater	Jack Lingerfelt	230 21 St. SE, Hickory 28601
Temple	Wayne McDowell	Rt. 3, Box 319-B, Newton 28658
Unity	John Evans	Rt. 1, Box 39-C, Hickory 28601
Viewmont	Frank Poovey	2044-B 6 St. NW, Hickory 28601
Warlick's	Robert Ennis	Box 99, Icard 28666
Wayside	Harry Curtis	Box 27, Rhodhiss 28667
Winkler's Grove	(to be named)	
Woodlawn	Robert Fisher	205 2 St. NE, Conover 28613

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1. This association has no Baptist school, hospital, encampment, children's home, state or convention-wide agency or board within its borders.
2. There is no WMU, Sunday School, Church Training, Brotherhood or Music meeting during the sessions of our association. All these organizations meet at some other time. Information on their work can be found in their reports to this body.
3. The calendar of activities of the association is being issued separately from this issue of the Annual.
4. Reports to this session of the association are found in the section immediately following the Proceedings of the Association and bear the name of the chairman only.

Constitution

Adopted October 25, 1956

Article I. NAME

This body shall be known as the thearon Rankin Baptist Association.

Article II. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the association shall be to devise and implement plans for the enlargement and accomplishment of the missionary enterprise of the member churches through fellowship and cooperation with each other. The association shall seek to recommend measures for the increased harmony and spiritual power of member churches. It shall provide an organizational framework for the promotion of the cause of missions, including education and evangelism, through the program sponsored by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article III. ARTICLES OF FAITH

The articles of faith of this association, which shall be the basis of fellowship and cooperation, are those adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, May 14, 1925.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist churches which are members of the present association.

Section 2. The association shall receive into its fellowship and program such other Missionary Baptist Churches as adhere to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Articles of Faith of the association, subscribe to the constitution and by-laws of the association, and support the Southern Baptist and North Carolina Baptist Missions program.

Section 3. The association shall withdraw fellowship from member churches upon their continual refusal to cooperate in the accomplishment of the objectives of the association.

Article V. MEETINGS

Section 1. The association shall meet in regular session annually in one or more of its member churches for the purpose of transacting the business of the association and for the inspiration of member churches in the support of the cause of missions.

Section 2. Special meetings of the association and/or the executive committee may be called upon request of any officer or committee of the association, or upon petition of a majority of the members of the executive committee, or like number of messengers to the past regular association meeting, provided that the intended purpose of the special business be stated in the announcements which shall be sent to all member churches.

Section 3. Meetings of the association organization, i.e., Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood, shall be held during the associational year under the leadership of the associational officers. The purpose of these meetings shall be the promotion of the missionary enterprise through the work of the individual organizations.

Article VI. OFFICERS

The officers of the association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian, Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. Director, Brotherhood Director, Director of Music, three Trustees, Publicity Chairman, Parliamentarian and Central Training School Director.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the association shall be as follows: Executive, Nominating, Program, Membership, Resolutions, Extension, Finance, Time, Place and Preacher, Christian Life, Evangelism, Constitution and By-Laws, Ordination, Enrollment, Associational Office and Central Training School Committee.

Article VIII. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended on the first day of the annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that such amendment, alteration or repeal shall have been presented to the churches in writing prior to May 1 preceding the Annual meeting.

By-Laws

Article I. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Application from Missionary Baptist Churches desiring membership in the association shall be in the hands of the membership committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. This committee shall report on the first day of the annual meeting. Messengers of the applying churches may be seated upon its acceptance into the membership of the association by two-thirds majority vote.

Section 2. Member churches, at the close of the associational year, shall send annually to the association a report relative to the location, dates of preaching, membership, baptisms, revivals, and other information. Forms for the gathering of this information will be furnished by the clerk of the association.

Article II. MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on Thursday and/or Friday following the third Sunday in October.

Section 2. The association year shall close on September 30.

Section 3. Reports to the annual meeting of the association, with the exception of the report of the Executive Committee, shall be limited to 300 words.

Section 4. Parliamentary procedure of all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 5. Business sessions of the association shall be composed of messengers from the member churches. Each member church shall send three messengers for the first 100 members of the church and one messenger for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.

Article III. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers of the association shall be elected by majority vote. The Moderator and Vice-Moderator shall be nominated from the floor. Other officers shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. Nominations by the Nominating Committee, however, shall not preclude nominations from the floor. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring between meetings of the association shall be filled by the Executive Committee upon nomination from the Nominating Committee. However, vacancies occurring in the office of Moderator or Vice-Moderator between meetings of the Association shall be filled by the Executive Committee without nominations from the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preside over the annual meetings of the association and all meetings of the Executive Committee. He may, by fraternal visitation, counsel and advise with the churches regarding the work of the association during the year. He shall not be eligible to succeed himself after the second successive term. He is ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assist the Moderator in ways designated by the Moderator. he shall preside in the absence of the Moderator.

Section 4. The Clerk shall keep all records of the association, distribute report blanks to the clerks of member churches, make accurate record of the proceedings of the body in session, and prepare and issue the minutes as soon as possible after the annual meeting of the association. He shall also serve as Clerk of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall receive, deposit and disburse all funds of the association as designated by the association or its Executive Committee. He shall

report quarterly to the Executive Committee and present an audited report at the annual meeting of the association. The Treasurer shall calculate the quota of each church in the support of the budget according to the financial plan of the association and notify member churches as to the amount of their quota.

Section 6. The Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W.M.U. President and Brotherhood President shall promote the work of their respective organizations, lead educational and inspirational meetings of their organizations, and encourage the organization of new units in the member churches of the association.

Section 7. The Director of Music shall assist in developing better music in member churches. He shall be responsible for the music at all meetings of the association and its Executive Committee; leading the music, providing accompaniment and arranging for special music.

Section 8. The Trustees shall be the legal representatives of the association in all matters relating to law, sign all legal documents as directed by the association and/or the Executive Committee. They shall have the power under instructions of the association and/or the Executive Committee, to hold, buy, sell and convey property; both real and personal and to sign all papers necessary for the purchase of conveyance. The Trustees shall administer the Scholarship fund. Their terms of office shall be for three years, with one trustee rotating off each year.

Section 9. The Historian shall record as a part of the permanent record of the association those facts and events that are of historical value to the association.

Section 10. The Publicity Chairman shall promote, through all available advertising media, all association activities.

Section 11. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Moderator, or other presiding officer, on any question of parliamentary procedure.

Section 12. The Central Training School Director shall in consultation with the Central Training School Committee establish the time, place and curriculum, special emphasis, special programs, and guest speakers for the Central Training School of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association.

Article IV. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. All Standing Committees of the association, with the exception of the Executive Committee, shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the messengers present at the annual meeting. All standing committees, with the exception of the Executive and Nominating Committee, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the Association organizations; Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union and Music. These shall be selected by their respective organizations by May 1st of each year and their names submitted to the Executive Committee for approval and recommendation to the annual meeting of the Association. This does not preclude nominations from the floor. The Moderator will appoint a pastor advisor to work with the committee. Members of the Nominating Committee may not succeed themselves for a period of one year.*

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Association, the Pastor and one layman from each church of the association. The officers of the association shall be the officers of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES: The Executive Committee shall meet at least once quarterly on Tuesday following the third Sunday of the second month of each quarter. It shall make such recommendations at the annual meeting or special meetings as it shall consider to the best interest of the work. It shall make an annual report of its proceedings to the association which shall be included in the minutes of the association. It shall conduct the business of the association between the annual session, provided that no matter be initiated which is contrary to the prescribed policy of

the association as set forth in the proceedings of its meetings. It shall supervise the work of the standing committees of the association. It shall be empowered to elect such temporary committees as are necessary to effectively carry out the work of the association.

Section 3. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members. It shall nominate the officers and the standing committees of the association, with the exception of the executive and nominating committees, and suggest the representative to the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. No person shall be nominated by the nominating committee for more than one elective office.

Section 4. The Program Committee shall consist of five members, including the host pastor or pastors and associational Director of Music. This committee shall prepare and distribute to member churches a copy of the suggested program for the annual meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

Section 5. The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches.

Section 6. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of five members. It shall draft all resolutions directed to it and others as it deems wise.

Section 7. The Extension Committee shall consist of five members. The work of this committee shall be to discover places for mission churches.

Section 8. The Finance Committee shall consist of six members. The Association Treasurer is ex-officio member of this committee. The committee is charged with the promotion of stewardship in the association. It will publicize widely and promote the various financial needs of the various phases of the Southern Baptist Convention's program at home and abroad. It shall prepare a proposed budget for the association. It shall recommend a financial plan for subscribing the budget. The proposed budget and financial plans will be submitted to the churches for consideration fifty (50) days prior to the annual meeting. The committee shall audit the Treasurer's books prior to the annual meeting of the Association. The committee shall divide itself into two sub-committees of Stewardship and Auditing, in order to perform the duties set forth in this section of the By-Laws.

Section 9. The Place and Preacher Committee shall consist of five members. It shall receive invitations and recommend places for the annual meeting of the association. It also shall recommend a preacher and an alternate for the annual sermon.

Section 10. The Christian Life Committee shall consist of five members. It shall keep abreast of the moral level of the life of the community. It shall lead the association in Christian conduct, cooperating with other groups, such as, The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Allied Church League, the Citizens' Committee for Good Government, working for the moral improvement of the Christian life of the community.

Section 11. The Evangelism Committee shall consist of three members. It shall, under the direction of the executive committee, plan, promote and coordinate all association evangelistic activities.

Section 12. The Ordination Committee shall consist of five members. It shall, upon invitation of a member church and by direction of the moderator, assist in preparing and conducting the ordination services of candidates for the ministry.

Section 13. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws shall consist of three members. It shall review all proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws and make recommendations to the association as to their adoption or rejection. It shall, from time to time, submit such changes in the Constitution and By-Laws which it deems pertinent to the proper functioning of the association, its committees and organizations.

Section 14. The Enrollment Committee shall consist of a Chairman selected by the Nominating Committee and three associates from each of the host churches.

This committee shall register the duly elected messengers to the annual meeting of the association, distinguished guests, etc. They shall provide each messenger with copies of the program and the book of reports. They shall provide for the care and comfort of the guests and messengers by advising them of the various facilities of the host church and location thereof. They shall provide for the notification of pastors, messengers and guests of emergency calls. They shall assist the Moderator and the Association Clerk as requested by them.

Section 15. The Association Office Committee shall consist of five members. It is responsible for the general oversight and supervision of the operation of the Association Office consistent with acceptable office practices. It shall prescribe the duties of the Promotional Secretary through a comprehensive job description. It shall make recommendations to the Finance Committee with reference to salary, expense account, retirement plans, hospitalization insurance, convention and assembly expense, vacation and related items of the Promotional Secretary of the Association. It shall recommend to the Finance Committee an office expense budget each year. It shall be responsible for the procurement of proper office equipment deemed needful for the efficient operation of the Association Office. It shall serve to mediate any misunderstanding which may arise between the churches and the Promotional Secretary, and likewise to assist the Promotional Secretary in his/her relationships with the churches of the Association. All matters related to the operation and functions of the Association Office will be referred to this committee for study and recommendation.

Section 16. The Central Training School Committee shall consist of the Central Training School Director, the Association Sunday School Superintendent, the Association Training Union Director, the Association WMU Director, the Association Brotherhood Director and the Association Music Director or their representative. This committee shall develop a comprehensive and progressive training school program embracing the main areas of religious education. They shall determine the curriculum of the annual training school, select the areas of special emphasis, select guest speakers and arrange for their care and comfort as guests of the association, arrange for general and special programs and features, as well as select the time and the location of the annual school and the members of the faculty thereof. They shall submit a budget estimate for the operation of the school to the Finance Committee for consideration and inclusion in the annual association budget. All matters related to the operation, function, scope and mission of the Central Training School will be referred to this committee for study and final recommended action to the association.

Article V. AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any business session of the association by two-thirds vote of the messengers present provided that a minimum of 30 days' notice has been given to each of the member churches.

Proceedings

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Mountain Grove Baptist Church

October 23, 1975

1. The Twentieth annual session began at 4:00 p.m. with Sidney Tanner leading in singing the Hymn, "He Keeps Me Singing." Mrs. Charles L. Huffman was organist and Mrs. Homer Bradey, pianist. Dr. Frank Campbell, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Statesville, who began each session by leading the worship period, spoke on "Am I A Christian?", reading from Luke 8.

2. Rev. Homer Bradey, Moderator, called the Twentieth session to order using the gavel presented by Mrs. Theron Rankin in 1957. This gavel was made in Hong Kong from native teak wood. He also read the objective of the Association as set forth in Article II of our Constitution. A motion that those registered and who would register constitute this session was carried. Mr. James Britt, the Parliamentarian, was present.

3. Rev. Joe Coltrane, chairman of the Program committee, presented the printed program as the order of business with adjustments as deemed necessary. This was adopted.

Program

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—OCTOBER 23 MOUNTAIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

4:00	Hymn "He Keeps Me Singing"	No. 307
	Worship	Sidney Tanner Leading
4:30	ORGANIZATION OF SESSION	Led by Dr. Frank Campbell
	Constitution of Twentieth Annual Session	
	Adoption of Order of Business	Rev. Joe D. Coltrane
	Welcome	Rev. Homer Bradey
	Introduction of New Pastors and Staff Members	Rev. Homer Bradey
	Recognition of Visitors	
	Report of Registration	V. H. White
	Hymn "The Solid Rock"	No. 283
4:45	COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS, & INSTITUTIONS REPORTS	
	Sunday School	Rev. Raleigh Castelloe
	Church Training	Gary Whitener
	Central Training School	Rev. J. Harold Craig
	Evangelism	Rev. H. Phillip King
	Association Office	Rev. Bob H. Hillard
	Trustees	M. S. Brittain
	Nominating	Rev. Raleigh Castelloe
	Recognition of Institutions Representatives	
	MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS	
	Mills Home Choir	
	Baptist Children's Homes	Dr. W. R. Wagoner
	Benediction and Blessing	Rev. Ben Hall
6:00	DINNER	

THURSDAY EVENING—OCTOBER 23
MOUNTAIN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

7:00 Hymn "Glorious Is Thy Name"	No. 138
Worship	Charles Brown leading
7:25 COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS, & INSTITUTIONS REPORTS	Led by Dr. Frank Campbell
Treasurer	Frelon W. Broome
Finance Committee	Rev. Homer Bradley
Place and Preacher	Rev. Glen A. Ramsey
Election of Officers	
Report of Registration	V. H. White
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS	
N. C. Baptist Homes	Mrs. Frances Newton
8:15 Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"	No. 132
Scripture and Prayer	Rev. J. Bruce Walker
Message in Music	West Hickory Baptist Church Choir
Annual Sermon	Rev. Homer F. Greene
9:00 Benediction	Rev. Charles High

FRIDAY MORNING—OCTOBER 24
CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

9:30 Hymn "O Zion, Haste"	No. 295
Worship	Edgar Lineberger Leading
10:00 Welcome	Led by Dr. Frank Campbell
COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS, & INSTITUTIONS REPORTS	Rev. J. Bruce Walker
Christian Higher Education	Dr. C. Allen Burris
Memorial Service	Dr. William J. Furr
Insurance and Annuity	Rev. Sam O'Neal
Resolutions	Rev. Wray G. Barrett
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS	
Report of Registration	V. H. White
11:15 Hymn "Rescue the Perishing"	No. 283
Woman's Missionary Union	Mrs. Bruce Walker
Message	Miss Sara Ann Hobbs
Benediction and Blessing	Rev. Aubrey Folk
12:00 Adjournment and Lunch	

ACCOMPANISTS:

THURSDAY (Afternoon and Evening):	Organist—Mrs. Charles L. Huffman
	Pianist—Mrs. Homer Bradley
	Mountain Grove Church
FRIDAY (Morning):	Mrs. J. Bruce Walker, Central Church

4. The Host Pastor, Rev. Homer Bradley, extended a cordial welcome. Mr. Bradley recognized the new pastors and staff members as follows: Rev. Aubrey Folk, Pastor, Penelope; Rev. Ben Hall, Pastor, Providence; Rev. Charles H. High, Pastor, Highland; Rev. R. J. Pressley, Pastor, Corinth.

5. There were no visitors present from outside the association at this time. The Moderator recognized the officers of the Association.

6. V. H. White, registrar, reported 89 messengers and 62 visitors, a total of 151 from 25 churches, have registered. Mr. Tanner led in singing the Hymn, "The Solid Rock."

7. Rev. Raleigh Castelloe presented the 1974-75 Sunday School report as contained in the Book of Reports.

8. There was no Church Training report available. The newly elected Director of Church

Training in the Association was out of town.

9. Rev. Harold Craig, Director of Central Training School, distributed a brochure of the school being held February 16-18, 1976 at Viewmont Church with State Convention personnel and others leading in Church Music, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood leadership training.

10. M. S. Brittain, chairman of Trustees, called attention to their report which was adopted as contained in the Book of Reports.

11. Rev. Raleigh Castelloe, chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented their report for 1975-76 officers as printed in the Book of Reports, deleting Mr. Don Adams, Trustee, who passed away last week. These were elected.

12. There was no representatives present from the Institutions and Agencies at this time except those on the printed program.

13. During the miscellaneous business period, Julian Suggs, chairman of the Special Study committee concerning a ministry to Youth in custody of the Courts, stated they are working with Ms. Frances Mashburn, County Court Officer, and will have a full report at a later date.

14. Mr. Suggs led in singing "I Will Sing of My Redeemer." Edgar Lineberger presented the Mills Home Choir who sang four anthems. Don Bearfield directed the choir and Mrs. Bearfield is accompanist.

15. Dr. Ted Chandler, Association Children's Home representative, presented Dr. W. R. Wagoner, Director of the N. C. Baptist Children's Homes, who spoke concerning their work.

16. Mr. Bradey gave directions for serving the meal. Rev. Ben Hall led in the blessing and benediction.

17. A delicious meal was served. At this time registration was 102 messengers and 87 visitors, a total of 189 from 27 churches.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 23 Mountain Grove Baptist Church

18. The West Hickory Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir sang as a Call to Worship, "Jesus In Us Has Begun" with Edgar Lineberger directing and Mrs. Dean Woods and Miss Susie Long as accompanists. Charles Brown led in singing "Glorious Is Thy Name." Dr. Frank Campbell brought his second message on "As You Go—Witness Now" using Scripture from Matthew 18.

19. With the Vice-Moderator, Rev. Walter Cooley presiding, Frelon Broome, Associational Treasurer, presented his report which was accepted as printed in the Book of Reports.

20. Following singing of the Hymn, "Blessed Assurance," Rev. Bradey, chairman of the Finance Committee, called attention to the report of Auditor, Earl Melton, as printed in the Book of Reports. Mr. Bradey presented the proposed budget for 1975-76, amount \$19,023.00, calling attention to the changes from last year's budget. The budget was adopted as printed in this issue.

21. Rev. Glen Ramsey, chairman of the Place & Preacher committee, presented their report which was adopted as follows: First Day: Catawba Church; Second Day: Hildebran, First Church; with Rev. Joe Coltrane to preach the annual sermon with Dr. Smoot Baker as alternate.

22. Dr. Smoot Baker, who has announced his retirement as pastor of Temple Church to do interim and supply work, was recognized. They will continue to live in Hickory.

Paul McManus, who has come to Woodlawn Church as Minister of Music, Education and Youth, was recognized.

23. On motion from the floor, Rev. Homer Bradey was re-elected to serve as Moderator.

24. On motion from the floor, Rev. Walter Cooley was re-elected as Vice-Moderator.

25. Mr. White reported 114 messengers and 113 visitors, a total of 227 from 28 churches, registered on the first day.

26. Rev. Phillip King, chairman of Evangelism, told of plans for the "Key To Evangelization Conference" being held November 4-7 at First Church, Hickory with Rev. Jack Taylor and Miss Bertha Smith leading.

27. Mrs. L. P. Frans, association representative for the Baptist Homes, presented Mrs. Frances Newton, Supervisor of the Albemarle Home, who delivered a very excellent report on the work of the Homes.

28. Mr. Bradey announced that the Friday morning session would convene at 9:30 a.m. at Central Church.

29. The Worship period began with the hymn, "All Hail the Power" and "Amazing Grace." Rev. Bruce Walker read Scripture from I Corinthians 13. The West Hickory Church Choir sang "Come, Holy Spirit." Rev. Homer Greene, pastor of the Sandy Ridge Church, delivered the annual sermon using as a theme "We are laborers together with God." Rev. Charles High led in the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 24
Central Baptist Church

30. Rev. Homer Bradey called the Friday morning session to order. The Hymn, "O Zion, Haste," was sung with Edgar Lineberger leading. Miss Martha Eggers was organist and Mrs. Bruce Walker, pianist. Miss Donna Dean sang a solo with Miss Jan Clark accompanying her at the piano. They are freshmen at Meredith College. Dr. Frank Campbell brought his third message challenging us to get involved in God's church. He used Scripture from Matthew 16.

31. The Moderator expressed appreciation to Rev. Joe Coltrane and his Program committee for their work. Rev. Bruce Walker, host pastor, extended a cordial welcome to all present. Rev. Wray Barrett, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, asked his committee to meet with him.

32. Rev. Harold Threatt, Association Christian Education representative, introduced Dr. C. Allen Burris, Vice President of Meredith College, who spoke on Christian Higher Education.

33. Dr. William J. Furr led in a memorial service for the deceased members of our churches during the past year.

34. Rev. Sam O'Neal, State Annuity Board Director, spoke on the program and urged the churches to start an Annuity Program early and adequately for each of their staff members.

35. Rev. Wray Barrett, chairman of the Resolutions committee, presented their report which was adopted as printed in this issue.

36. There was no miscellaneous business at this time.

37. The following were recognized and spoke briefly on their work: Rev. Woodrow Hill, BIBLICAL RECORDER; Rev. Hank Greer, Chaplain, Appalachian University; and Rev. T. A. Lineberger, Director of South Mountain Baptist Camp.

38. With the Vice-Moderator, Rev. Cooley, presiding, V. H. White reported 96 messengers and 29 visitors, a total of 125 from 26 churches registered on Friday.

39. Edgar Lineberger led in singing "Rescue the Perishing." Mrs. Bruce Walker, Associational WMU Director, presented her report, paying tribute to Mrs. Rose Wolff for her eight years of service. She then presented Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, Director of Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina, who spoke following a solo by Miss Dean. Miss Hobbs brought a very challenging and thought provoking message on "Out of Adversity—Victory."

40. Following instructions for serving lunch, Rev. Aubrey Folk asked us to speak to someone in the audience that we did not know. Following this he led in the blessing and benediction.

41. A delicious meal was served by the host church.

42. The total registration for the two days was 135 messengers and 104 visitors, a total of 239 (plus 34 in the Mills Home Choir) from 28 churches. The Calvary, Hickory, East 1st Street, Fairbrook, Oxford, Unity, Warlick's and Winkler's Grove Churches were not represented.

The weather was clear and warm throughout the entire session.

LIST OF MESSENGERS

BROOKFORD (3) Mrs. Fred Copas, Mrs. Lillian Stepp, H. F. Wallace (3 visitors)

CALVARY, HICKORY (5) None

CALVARY, NEWTON (5) Rev. Fred Thompson, Pastor, M. L. Adair, Mrs. J. L. Pate, Mrs. Fred Thompson

CATAWBA (4) Miss Edna Danner, Miss Susie Danner, Ms. Annie Ervin, Mrs. D. H. Webber

CENTRAL (6) Rev. J. Bruce Walker, Pastor, Mrs. Clarcy Cook, Miss Martha Eggers, Mrs. Bruce Walker (12 visitors)

CLAREMONT, FIRST (4) Rev. V. C. Martin, Pastor, Mrs. V. C. Martin, Mrs. Betsy Pierce, Mrs. Nancy Shook

CORINTH (6) Rev. R. J. Pressley, Pastor, Mrs. Braskie Brown, Mrs. Luther Costner, C. F. Rudisill, Mrs. C. F. Rudisill, Miss Velma Stallings (4 visitors)

EAST FIRST STREET (5) None

EAST HICKORY (8) Rev. Joe Coltrane, Pastor, Mrs. Bessie Canipe, Miss Lois Canipe, Mrs. R. B. Denton, Mrs. Joe Franklin, Mrs. Celia Friar, Sidney E. Tanner (1 visitor)

FAIRBROOK (3) None

FAIRGROVE (4) Mrs. Edward Parsons, Mrs. A. C. Sigmon

HICKORY, FIRST (19) Frank Barlow, Frelon Broome, R. D. Buie, Rev. David O. Byler, B. V. Chamblee, Dr. E. Ted Chandler, Mrs. L. P. Frans, Rev. Larry Phillips, Mrs. Jesse Pope, C. Van Teague, Mrs. C. Van Teague, Mrs. Rose Wolff (1 visitor)

HIGHLAND (17) Rev. Charles H. High, Pastor, Rev. Roy Beals, Rev. John C. Dean, Mrs. Kenneth

I. Hass, Mrs. Norman Parlier, Mrs. Mable Pollard, Julian S. Suggs, V. H. White
 HILDEBRAN, FIRST (8) Dr. Ben A. Byrd, Jr., Pastor, Perry Abernethy, Mrs. Raymond Burns,
 Mrs. Ben A. Byrd, Jr., Mrs. Virgil Mosteller, Mrs. J. J. Temple
 ICARD (6) Rev. Harvey Laughter, Pastor, Clyde A. Deal
 LAKEVIEW (6) Rev. Walter L. Cooley, Pastor
 LONGVIEW (5) Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., Pastor, Mrs. Glen Ramsey
 MOUNTAIN GROVE (7) Rev. Homer E. Bradley, Pastor, Mrs. Homer E. Bradley, Mrs. R. K.
 Hildebran, Ms. Mary Huffman, Ms. Margaret Leatherman, Dr. Larry Penley (38 visitors)
 NEWTON, FIRST (11) Dr. William J. Furr, Pastor, Ms. Thelma Beard, James E. Britt, Mrs. James
 Britt, Rev. Raleigh Castelloe, Floyd I. Davis, Mrs. Floyd I. Davis, Rev. Alvin A. Walker, Miss
 Elizabeth Wood
 NORTH NEWTON (7) Rev. Bob Hillard, Pastor, Mrs. Ruth Honeycutt, Rev. Joe C. Rhodes, Jerrel
 Stewart, Tony Upchurch, Mrs. Carrie Wilson
 OXFORD (4) None
 PENELOPE (13) Rev. Aubrey Folk, Pastor, Rev. Harold Craig, Mrs. O. H. Cook, Mrs. A. D. Folk,
 J. M. Watkins, Mrs. J. M. Watkins (1 visitor)
 PROVIDENCE (4) Rev. Ben Hall, Pastor, Mrs. Ruth Abee, M. S. Brittain, Mrs. Gladys Cline (3
 visitors)
 SANDY RIDGE (7) Rev. Homer F. Greene, Pastor, Rev. Ron Kiser, Mailon Nichols
 SPRINGS ROAD (8) Rev. Wray G. Barrett, Pastor, Mrs. Wray Barrett
 STARTOWN (3) Rev. I. D. Phillips, Pastor, W. R. Crouch, Mrs. Oscar Herman (3 visitors)
 SWEETWATER (4) Ms. Earleen Lingerfelt, Ms. Linda Roberts
 TEMPLE (7) Dr. Smoot Baker, Pastor, Mrs. Smoot Baker, Cecil Mull, Mrs. Cecil Mull, Mrs. He-
 nry Queen
 UNITY (3) None
 VIEWMONT (15) Rev. Albert A. Young, Pastor, Charles R. Brown, Ms. Judy Cook, Ken Pless,
 Frank Poovey, Max E. Starnes
 WARLICK'S (6) None
 WAYSIDE (3) Rev. Jason Stillwell, Pastor, Mrs. Edith Cook, Mrs. Edith McClellan (1 visitor)
 WEST HICKORY (12) Rev. H. Phillip King, Pastor, Miss Helen Cater, Rev. Fritz D. Hemphill,
 Mrs. Fritz D. Hemphill, Mrs. H. Phillip King, Edgar Lineberger, Mrs. Edgar Lineberger, Rev.
 J. Louis Price (20 visitors)
 WINKLER'S GROVE (9) None
 WOODLAWN (6) Rev. Harold L. Threatt, Pastor, R. T. Boatwright, D. M. Brunson, Mrs. D. M.
 Brunson, Mrs. William R. Easterling, Mrs. David L. Stewart (1 visitor)

Visitors from outside the association—17

Mills Home Choir members—34

Reports

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

Report to the Theron Rankin Association

In 1974, 252,956,174 Scriptures were distributed throughout the world by the United Bible Societies. Of these, 87,102,185 were distributed in the United States. The subsidy required came from the United Bible Society Budget of \$11,000,000. Half of this amount is underwritten by the American Bible Society through contributions from individuals and churches, the largest amount coming from individuals. The proposed budget for the fiscal year 1975 is \$12,950,000. In 1974 more than 70 denominations, churches, and agencies supported the Society, giving a total of \$1,323,244.

Inflation and resource shortages have driven up costs of Scripture production in all parts of the world. In the United States alone, production costs have risen 30 per cent over the past year.

With the publication of at least one book of the Holy Scriptures in more than 1500 languages, the Written Word is now available in languages spoken by 97% of the worlds population. The complete Bible has now been published in more than 255 languages. The American Bible Society, and the United Bible Societies are currently helping several hundred National and missionary translators engaged in 500 translation and revision projects throughout the world.

The American Bible Society continues to furnish Southern Baptists with Scriptural needs, with

the production of 12 special editions, totaling over 1,105,000 copies.

By the end of 1974 "Good News for Modern Man," reached a total circulation of 47 million copies. The complete Bible in Today's English Version, is scheduled for publication in 1976.

There are still more than 1000 languages and dialects in which the printed word of God is not yet available. The one hundred million people who speak these tongues must be reached. Churches can help by appropriations in denominational and local congregational budgets. Only by individuals who believe in the importance of the work of the American Bible Society, who are willing to speak up as advocates of the Society when their associations and churches are planning their budgets, will these needs be met.

REPORT ON ANNUITY BOARD

R. F. Smith, Jr.

The Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board serves as a life-line of support for 10,034 retired pastors and other church-related workers or their widows.

During 1974, the Board paid about \$15-1/2 million in retirement and other protection benefits to these annuitants. In the Board's 57-year history, it has paid a total of over \$125 million in retirement and protection benefits.

The Annuity Board would have enjoyed its best year ever in 1974, but the stock market's downturn intervened. Realized and unrealized losses in income from bonds, short-term investments, and common stocks amounted to \$21 million.

Gains in other investments reduced the net loss to \$11.3 million, or three per cent based on average investments. All investment funds, whether church-related or having other connections, suffered from the stock market decline.

As the stock market began to recover in early 1975, the losses also began to be recovered.

In December, 1974, the Board issued a 13th Check to annuitants. It amounted to more than \$675,000 and was equal to one month's benefits. It is called a 13th Check because it is issued above and beyond the 12 regular monthly benefit checks distributed to annuitants.

In North Carolina we have 2,134 churches and associations and 2,216 staff members currently participating in the Southern Baptist Protection Program.

In our own association, we have 28 churches and the association with 40 staff members participating in some phase of the annuity program.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATION OFFICE COMMITTEE

Bob H. Hillard

The Association Office Committee met in June and made certain recommendations to the Finance Committee. These recommendations are reflected in the proposed budget for 1976.

On December 1, 1974, Miss Carter transferred from the Southern Baptist Convention Medical Plan to the North Carolina Convention Personnel Plan. This resulted in a savings of \$206.86 from the \$485 budgeted for medical, life, and disability insurance in the 1974-75 budget.

It was discussed in the February 18th Executive Board meeting as to what to do with this money saved. In the August 19th Executive Board Meeting, it was approved to refer the matter to the Associational Office Committee to work out the details in the use of this money.

The Association Office Committee, after conferring with Miss Cater and on information received from Sam O'Neil of the Annuity Board, recommended that the money saved be deposited as a lump sum for Miss Cater in the Annuity Board Plan B, which is a retirement program with a disability clause. This was done on September 24, 1975.

Our appreciation is expressed to Miss Helen Cater for her efficiency and fine work as our Promotional Secretary. We are grateful for her service which often goes beyond the regular hours.

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

Earl L. Melton, Certified Public Accountant

In accordance with your instructions, we have examined the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association, Hickory, North Carolina for the year ended September 30, 1975, and present herewith our report.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

CASH IN BANK, \$1, 786.57; Cash in Bank on September 30, 1975, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

CASH IN SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, \$19,639.16: Cash in Savings Account at First Savings and Loan Association of \$11,864.84 and at Fidelity Federal Savings and Loan Association of \$7,774.32 on September 30, 1975, was verified by direct confirmation. No exceptions were found.

INCOME, \$16,917.47: Receipts from churches and miscellaneous income were traced from the receipts journal into the bank account.

EXPENSES, \$16,340.73: Invoices and other supporting documents for the expense of the Association were examined and traced into the disbursements journal on a test basis.

We found the records of Theron Rankin Baptist Association to be well kept and complete, thereby making it possible to locate the information needed in connection with our examination.

(The Statement of Operations shows a Net Income of \$576.74 for the year. A complete copy of this audit is on file in the Association Office.)

REPORT ON BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

E. Ted Chandler, M.D.

Christian child care provided by the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina is a cooperative mission. Today it is recognized as one of the outstanding ministries of its kind in the nation.

The lives of more than 3,700 people were affected in a significant way through the services of the Homes during the past year. While we were caring for the children, a close working relationship was maintained with 2,178 adults in an effort to reestablish homes and strengthen family relationships.

During the past year emergency shelters were opened in Charlotte and Forest City to meet the immediate needs. Both Broyhill Home and Mills Home will have a new cottage for children constructed during the next year. Progress is being made to expand facilities at Odum Home. Increasing numbers of families are opening hearts and home for the care of foster children. All of these indicate a living, vital and growing ministry to people.

The award winning film, "The Mountain Within," meets with praise and appreciation wherever it is shown. It will continue to be available by request, either from the Communications Department of the Baptist State Convention or from the Children's Homes.

A cooperative mission requires that the parties involved have a clear, common purpose to which they are firmly committed, undergirded by mutual trust, and clear communications. These three factors characterize the relationships between the Baptists of North Carolina and their Children's Homes. Through the Cooperative Program and the Thanksgiving Offering, Baptists throughout the state can share a commitment to Christian child care. In response the staff of the Children's Homes is committed to translate this support into a dynamic ministry of love and concern for children and families in need. With God's continued blessings we will move together to fulfill our mission.

REPORT OF BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

Mrs. L. P. Frans

There has never been a year in the history of your Baptist Homes when more people have sought the services of the Homes. This has been true particularly of the aging sick person. Almost daily calls come from older persons, and their families, inquiring about admission to one of your five resident Homes and the Skilled Nursing Care Facility of the Homes.

Today there are some 21,000,000 Americans 65 and above, and this number, it is anticipated, will grow by over 300,000 a year in the years ahead. The needs of aging people are overwhelming, and we must strive diligently to meet those needs.

Although we can minister in our North Carolina Baptist Homes to only 230 persons at any given time, we have served hundreds of aging people through the twenty-four years that we have been on the scene at Resthaven, the Hayes Home, and the Nursing Care Unit in Winston-Salem, and in our Homes at Albemarle, Hamilton and Yanceyville.

Gifts for 1974-75 from our Baptist Churches, through the Cooperative Program and through

the 3rd Sunday of February offering for the Homes, reflect a very encouraging increase. We are grateful especially since four out of every five persons who live in our Homes depend upon these love gifts for their care!

The most exciting development in the family of your Baptist Homes for the past year has been the experience of obtaining one of the most beautiful locations in the Blue Ridge mountains of North Carolina for the proposed Western North Carolina Baptist Home. This site is a twenty-one acre tract of land overlooking the city of Asheville, better known as the Pearson Estate, on Richmond Hill, in Northwest Asheville. God Himself, we feel, has guided us in discovering this beautiful site.

Plans are in the making now to raise \$1,000,000 for the construction of this new proposed Western North Carolina Baptist Home. These plans initially will include 50 rooms for residents, with living room, dining room, library, chapel and activities room and other necessary rooms. With the completion of this Home, North Carolina Baptists will be enlarging their base of ministry to almost 300 persons, and older people from Western North Carolina will have a facility to serve the hundreds in their area.

Pray for the ministry of your Baptist Homes for the Aging. Give us liberally as possible that the overwhelming needs of older people in our midst might be met more adequately. Visit the Homes and see first-hand the personal joy that your gifts bring. Know that your ministry to even one of these dear older people is a ministry as unto Christ Himself.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITAL

C. W. Broome

There have been many significant developments at your Baptist Hospital during the past year.

By the time this report is read the new ambulatory care unit will be open, making possible enlarged and improved services for the Emergency Room, Outpatient Clinics, Physical Therapy and other departments. Renovation of the West Wing will be complete and renovation on the South Wing will begin in early August. The third floor of the Progressive Care Unit has been remodeled to provide 26 beds, therapy room and other improved facilities for Psychiatric services.

The long-awaited EMI-Scanner is now in use and is already proving beneficial in detecting blood clots, tumors, and strokes and other abnormalities of the brain.

A family Practice Center opened July 1, 1975 to offer more primary medical care for patients and also to provide specialized training for physicians who choose to enter Family Practice.

During the year the hospital had its biennial review by the Joint Commission on Hospital Accreditation. All areas of operation received an excellent report, but physician service, nursing service and administration all received especially high commendation.

Despite the continued rise in costs for services and materials the hospital has been able to operate in the black. The administration and department heads confer frequently and make diligent effort to see that the hospital operates as efficiently and economically as possible.

Gifts from the Baptist churches have been very gratifying. During the calendar year of 1974 the hospital received \$258,898 through the Cooperative Program and \$392,000 through the Mother's Day Offering.

The Department of Pastoral Care has opened a counseling center in Raleigh and plans are developing for a third satellite in the western part of the state. The Department has established a scholarship fund as a memorial to Dr. Richard K. Young, the department's first director, who died December 31. Full re-accreditation was given the School of Pastoral Care in December by the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education.

During the past year Mr. Reid T. Holmes retired as President of the hospital, after serving in the hospital administration for 29 years.

REPORT OF BROTHERHOOD

There is no Brotherhood report since we did not have a Brotherhood Director last year.

CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL

J. Harold Craig

The 1974 Central Training School was held February 10-12 in cooperation with the Department of Church Ministries and Training of the Baptist State Convention. In addition to the regular leadership conferences for Church Training, two very popular conferences were conducted—deacons and their wives led by Dr. and Mrs. J. Winston Pearce of Buies Creek, North Carolina, and the Family Life Conference by Doug Cole of the Baptist State Convention.

There was an enrolment of 419 from 29 churches with an average attendance of 314.

The Central Training School Committee has been working since early this year with the Church Music, WMU, and Brotherhood Departments of the State Convention for a combined music-missions conference this year. Leadership courses for those working with each age division in these three organizations will be offered. There will also be a general session each evening led by Joe Stroud of the Church Music Department, featuring the Baptist Hymnal 1975. A morning session on Handbells will also be conducted. The dates of the school are February 16-18, 1976.

Provisions will be made for all ages and various interests, and the committee urges the cooperation of the churches in promoting attendance at the school.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Harold L. Threatt

Although we have almost thirty leaders attempting some distinctly Christian witness as Baptists or with BSU on the campuses of North Carolina, we know that they cannot do the job alone.

There will be worship periods, study sessions, fellowship hours, missions opportunities, outreach and witness groups, and attempts to make the Christian faith “applicable” to college life from Cullowhee to Wilmington. Chaplains will be seeking to project a ministry to faculty, administrators, internationals, married and graduate students as well as undergraduates. Students will give over \$7,000 for missions and send their fellows around the world as witnesses. Baptist faculty and local pastors will join in teaching, leadership training and deepening of Christian commitments.

Of equal significance in reaching students, however, will be the work of pastors, Sunday School teachers and other committed Christians in the churches from which these students come. It is our hope to work together in a number of ways during the coming year to strengthen each other and seek even more effective ways of service.

INVOLVEMENT OF BAPTIST COLLEGES IN MISSIONS

Baptist colleges in North Carolina see themselves as active participants in the Christian mission to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all people everywhere. In addition to the important role of preparing future lay leaders for local churches, the colleges continue a strong emphasis upon ministerial and church-related vocational training.

In April of 1975, our seven colleges reported a total of 715 persons who were preparing for careers in church leadership. Most of these persons will complete their preparation of attending a seminary. Southern Baptist seminaries listed an enrollment of 303 graduates of North Carolina Baptist Colleges in the spring of 1975. The Foreign Mission Board has under appointment 152 of our graduates at present, more than 6% of the total number of current missionary personnel. In addition, a significant number of Baptist college trained persons serve in strategic posts with the Home Mission Board, Baptist state conventions and associational missions throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Baptist college students receive excellent experience and training for church and missionary service through Baptist Youth Corps. Approximately 100 Baptist college students were assigned to churches for the summer of 1975. The colleges furnish one-half of the Youth Corps worker's salary, and thus enjoy a vital partnership with churches and students in summer mission work.

THE NEED TO ENROLL BAPTIST STUDENTS

Pastors and other church leaders can assist their young people and our colleges by encouraging attendance at a Baptist College. Information is available in brochure form, free of charge, from the Council on Christian Higher Education of the Baptist State Convention in Raleigh. Each of the colleges pledges to North Carolina Baptist young people that no qualified student will be turned away for purely financial reasons. Through grants, loans and work scholarships, an education is available for anyone who seriously seeks it.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Robert O. Hemphill

(This committee had no activities during this year.)

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Mrs. Smoot Baker

The BIBLICAL RECORDER is one of 33 state papers—one of the oldest and best. With continued problems for religious publications because of inflation and increasing postage costs, the circulation of the RECORDER remains above 112,000. Congregations including it in their budget for all their families are the ones which have an informed membership. It is our hope that the churches in the Theron Rankin Association will take seriously the recommendation reaffirmed at the Southern Baptist Convention that state papers be incorporated in local church budgets for all their member families. Already more than 1,000 churches in North Carolina are doing this, and more do so each year. Pastors and deacons should initiate such action, and it should be supported by all the organizations in the church, for truly, “reading maketh a full man.”

The BIBLICAL RECORDER has covered many sensitive issues this past year. Words of appreciation have come from Baptist people all across the state, for they are aware that “informed people is the bulwark of Baptist democracy.”

The RECORDER still operates on a limited budget and with too small a staff. Churches can help by understanding these limitations, and by renewing their subscription plans promptly.

Ray K. Hodge, pastor of First Church, Kinston, says: “One of the easiest tasks I have had as a pastor is to lead churches to include and keep the denominational paper in the church budget. It is such a bargain that trying to save a few dollars (by not subscribing to it for our families) is too costly. It would be like saving the expense of regular visits to the dentist, only to pay more in various ways later.”

May all of us heed this timely advice!

CHURCH TRAINING

Gary Whitener

(No written report received)

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

E. Murray Tate, Jr.

This committee has had no activities to be cared for during this year.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

H. Phillip King

The greater part of this year's activity has been in planning for “The Key to Evangelization” Conference sponsored by the association, November 4-7, 1975 in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, Hickory.

Rev. Jack Taylor and Miss Bertha Smith of Dimensions In Christian Living will be the guest speakers for the ten sessions. David Byler, Association Music Director, is planning special groups and individual presentations for each session. Advertising in the BIBLICAL RECORDER has been paid for and a number of Baptist business men have sponsored newspaper ads for the event. Several committees—transportation, advertising, radio spots, etc., are hard at work. The total cost of \$1700.00 has been budgeted for this event—\$500.00 this year and \$1200.00 in the new budget. The honorarium for the speakers will be in the form of a love offering taken at each session.

The churches of our association have all been involved in revivals during the past year and in 1976 a greater emphasis will prevail for the Bicentennial year.

A number of pastors joined the 2400 pastors and lay people last February for the Statewide Evangelism Conference in Greensboro. February 2-4, 1976 the Evangelism Conference will be held in Asheville at the Civic Center Auditorium.

Several bus loads from the Theron Rankin Association joined over 14,000 youth, pastors and adult leaders for the annual Youth Evangelism Night, August 15 at Greensboro.

Reports show that youth groups joined in summer evangelistic efforts and a number attended Youth Ministries Week at N. C. Baptist Assembly.

In 1973-74 there was a total of 563 baptisms and 641 other additions which gives us a 14 to 1 ratio. 1974-75 figures show 516 baptisms and 604 other with a total membership of 17,198 and a ratio of 33 to win 1 person to Jesus.

Let us encourage all churches to work harder at the business of winning people to Jesus.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Miss Helen Cater, Clerk

This committee held four sessions during the year with an average attendance of 26 from 22 churches. Reports were received from the organizations and committees and their reports in this issue contain their activities. The Moderator, Rev. Homer Bradey, presided over all four sessions.

Actions taken by the Executive Committee are as follows:

- voted to again use the schedule of Thursday afternoon and evening and Friday morning for the 1975 annual session;
- endorsed promotion of Foster Home Care in our churches as outlined by the Special Study Committee;
- endorsed plans for the area-wide "Key to Evangelization" conference with Rev. Jack Taylor and Miss Bertha Smith leading.
- approved minor changes in Miss Caters' Medical, Life, and Disability Insurance Plans;
- endorsed several committee reports to be presented during the annual session.

Complete copies of the Executive Committee MINUTES are on file at the Association office. Also, copies of the THERON RANKIN NEWS which is mailed each month to the leadership of the churches and convention are also on file there.

REPORT OF EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Julian S. Suggs, III

(This committee had no activities during this year.)

REPORT OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Frelon Broome, Treas.; Rev. Homer Bradey, Chmn.

	BUDGET GOAL	AMOUNT	BUDGET
	THIS YEAR	RECEIVED	GOAL
		10-1-74—9-30-75	1975-76
Brookford	\$148.00	\$65.00	\$145.00
Calvary, Hickory	230.00		220.00
Calvary, Newton	307.00	360.00 *	340.00
Catawba	229.00	229.00 *	241.00
Central	490.00	300.00	546.00
Claremont, First	164.00	80.00	211.00
Corinth	323.00	323.00 *	313.00
East First Street	388.00	360.00	376.00
East Hickory	606.00	492.00	567.00
Fairbrook	142.00	142.00 *	158.00

Fairgrove	171.00	75.00	188.00
Hickory, First	2,313.00	2,209.75	2,320.00
Highland	1,415.00	1,100.01	1,458.00
Hildebran, First	554.00	516.00	645.00
Icard	484.00	575.00 +	517.00
Lakeview	473.00	354.78	478.00
Longview	242.00	303.00 *	240.00
Mountain Grove	523.00	400.00	505.00
Newton, First	852.00	852.00 *	884.00
North Newton	585.00	576.75	662.00
Oxford	190.00	50.00	211.00
Penelope	1,278.00	225.02	1,322.00
Providence	243.00	243.00 *	227.00
Sandy Ridge	496.00	480.00	560.00
Springs Road	570.00	570.00 *	653.00
Startown	227.00	227.00 *	175.00
Sweetwater	147.00	149.00 *	174.00
Temple	473.00	416.72	469.00
Unity	177.00	177.00 *	179.00
Viewmont	1,215.00	1,303.25 *	1,341.00
Warlick's	317.00	300.00	287.00
Wayside	92.00	15.00	72.00
West Hickory	959.00	999.99 *	971.00
Winkler's Grove	434.00	250.00	580.00
Woodlawn	634.00	620.12 +	788.00
TOTALS	\$18,091.00	\$15,339.39	\$19,023.00

(+ credit marked for 1974-75 budget: Icard \$175.00; Woodlawn \$35.00)

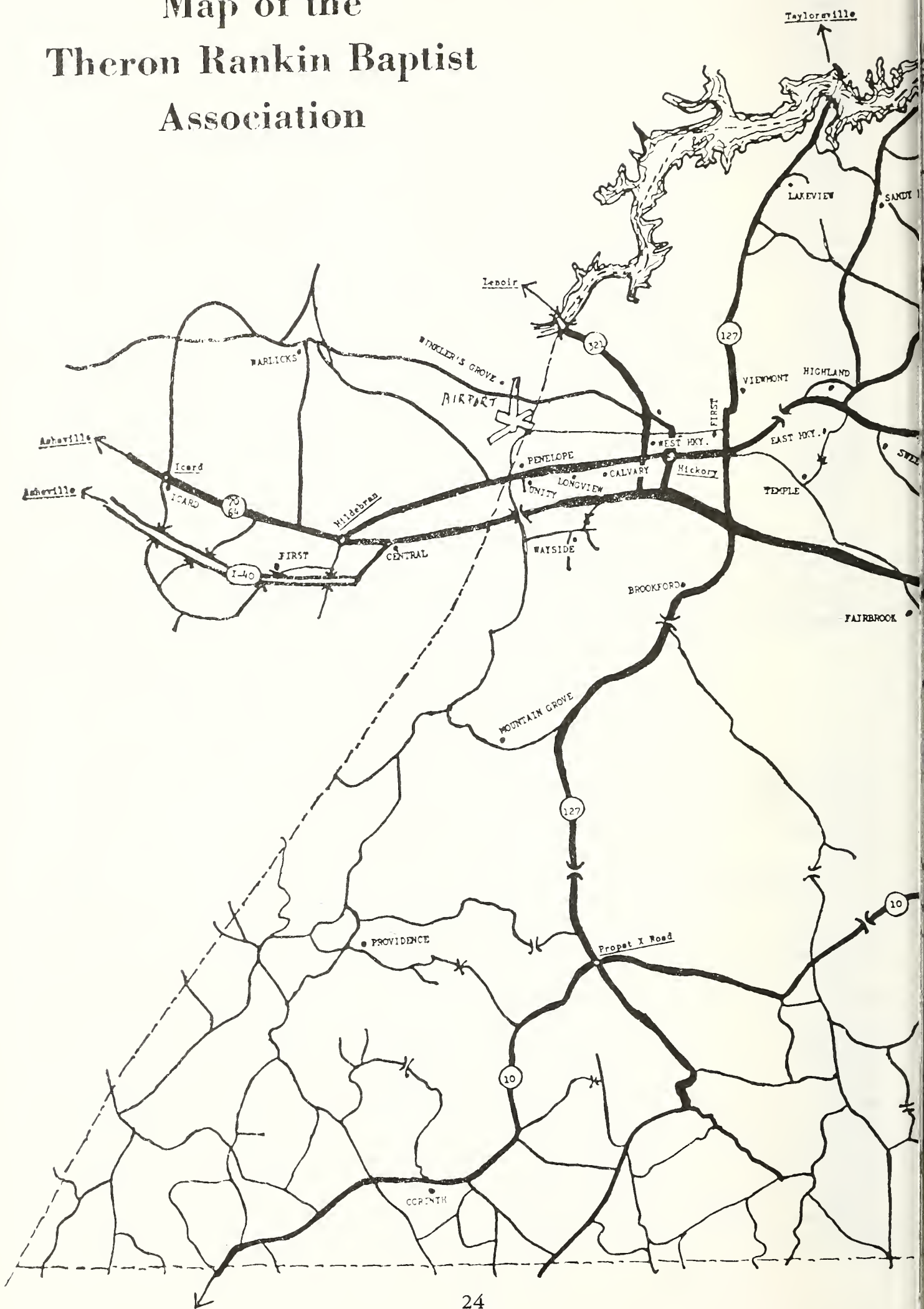
(The suggested goal is \$1.00 per resident member plus 1% of total receipts; divided by two. The latest figures available were taken from the 9-30-74 Church Letters. It is hoped that churches already giving more than the suggested amount can continue to do so.)

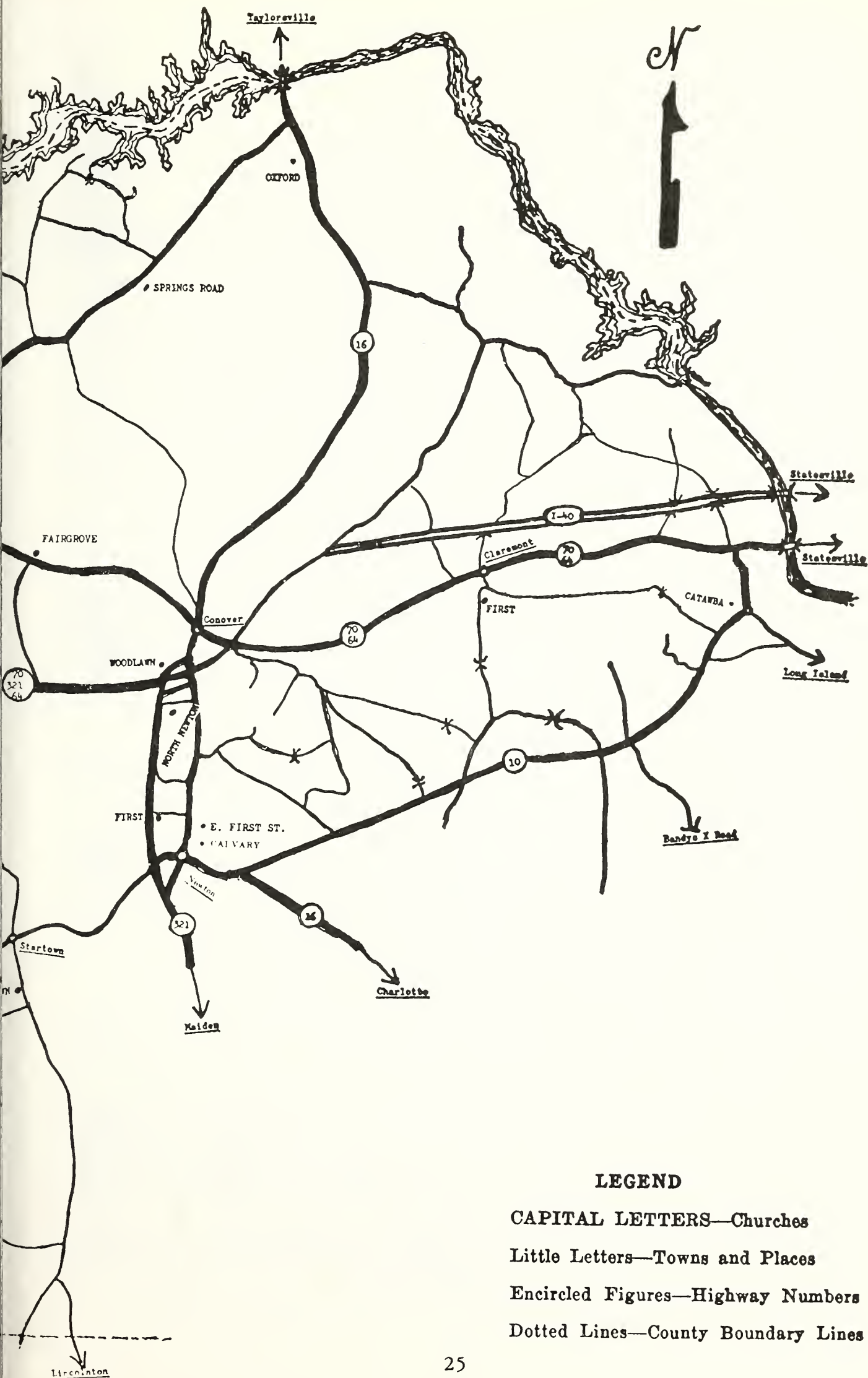
*Denotes churches reaching their goal this year.

DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	Budget 1974-75	Spec. Rects. 1974-75	Expenses 1974-75	Budget 1974-76
Sunday School	\$250.00	\$198.00	\$291.50	\$250.00
Church Training	150.00		60.00	150.00
Woman's Missionary Union	350.00		350.00	400.00
Brotherhood	100.00			100.00
Music	100.00			100.00
Printing & Postage	500.00		473.00	600.00
Churches entertaining annual meeting	300.00		300.00	300.00
BSU, Lenoir-Rhyne College	200.00	200.00	400.00	200.00
Scholarships (2 this year; three next year)	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,050.00
Minutes	700.00		636.52	750.00
Central Training School	1,500.00	6.60	823.88	1,500.00
Evangelism	500.00		500.00	1,200.00
Youth Work	500.00			500.00
Salaries	6,500.00		6,500.00	7,020.00
Social Security (Assoc. Part)	385.00		387.70	410.00
Hospital Life Ins. \$400.00				
Life/Disability Ins. 85.00	485.00	35.54	520.54	393.00
Car Allowance	425.00		425.00	475.00
Convention/Ridgecrest (Promotional Secy.)	500.00	30.00	518.00	500.00
Office Utilities	400.00		355.08	400.00

Map of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association





Office Supplies	600.00	553.69	872.28	600.00
Audio-Visual Aids	300.00	72.70	316.37	300.00
South Mountain Baptist Camp	350.00		350.00	350.00
Office Help	100.00		65.00	100.00
Miscellaneous	931.00	308.31	328.20	304.00
Office Equipment & Maintenance	300.00		60.50	300.00
Annuity (Promotional Secretary)	540.00		540.00	636.00
Christmas Gift (Promotional Secretary)	125.00		125.00	135.00
TOTALS	<u>\$18,091.00</u>	<u>\$1,404.84</u>	<u>\$16,198.57</u>	<u>\$19,023.00</u>
Life Insurance		373.24	342.16	
TOTALS	\$18,091.00	<u>\$1,778.08</u>	<u>\$16,540.73</u>	\$19,023.00

SUMMARY: October 1, 1974—September 30, 1975

Balance on hand on October 1, 1974				\$1,209.83
Receipts: from the churches			\$15,339.39	
Sale of supplies			553.69	
Life Insurance			373.24	
Refund—December Hospital Ins. (old Policy)			35.54	
Stopped payment for BSU-LRC Check—lost			200.00	
State Sales tax refund			43.31	
Sale of "Good News" Scriptures			15.00	
Sale of books (Central Training School)			6.60	
VBS supper (credited to Sunday School)			198.00	
Refund—Convention expenses			30.00	
Special Scholarship designation (Miscellaneous)			250.00	
Refund—overpayment of Audio/Visual Aids			<u>72.70</u>	
Total receipts during this period				<u>\$17,117.47</u>
Total amount to be accounted for during this period				<u>\$18,327.30</u>
Less disbursements (listed above)				<u>\$16,540.73</u>
Balance on hand on September 30, 1975				<u>\$1,786.57</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Savings Certificate—6 3/4% (30 mo. demand) First svgs. & Loan	\$11,098.45	
Dividend added this year	<u>766.39</u>	\$11,864.84
Account—5 3/4% (90 day notice) Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan	\$3,903.67	
Dividend added this year	<u>230.60</u>	\$4,134.27
Account—5 1/4% (on demand) Fidelity Federal Savings & Loan	\$3,454.19	
Dividend added this year	<u>185.86</u>	\$3,640.05
Total on deposit in the three accounts on September 30, 1975		<u>\$19,639.16</u>

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Mrs. Bruce Walker

The sending out and maintaining of missionaries is primary in Southern Baptist Overseas Missions. As of January 1, 1975, a record number of 2,606 missionaries were assigned to 82 geographical or political entities. These dedicated people serve in so many capacities. Many have found that they must adjust to new roles of leadership, as they seek to build strong indigenous churches with capable and well-trained leadership from among their people.

It was a sad day, in many respects, when our missionaries were forced to leave Vietnam and Laos. Now scattered throughout Southeast Asia and the U. S. are the 16 Southern Baptist Missionary couples and four missionary journeymen, stationed in Vietnam before evacuation in April. As of late June, six couples and one journeyman had been reassigned to other fields. Nine other couples are in the U. S. on furlough and awaiting reassignment. Several are working on military bases where Vietnamese refugees are located.

The sudden slamming shut of doors to South Vietnam and Laos should awaken within us an urgency regarding other mission fields in a state of crisis. Never has there been a greater need for Southern Baptist to strengthen their witness across the world.

These are days of missionary challenge, near at hand and far away. May God help us to be faithful and fruitful for the glory of His Name.

REPORT ON THE HOME MISSION BOARD

J. Harold Craig

We have much to be thankful for in the work of our Home Mission Board, and unfortunately only the briefest highlights can be given in such a report.

EVANGELISM: The status of the Evangelism Division was elevated in staff structure and the work augmented by two additional programs—program of personal evangelism and the program of mass evangelism.

VIETNAMESE REFUGEES: Southern Baptist Churches and individual members have resettled 1,741 Vietnamese in 466 units (family or individual). There is still a desperate need for sponsors for single men, large families, and families with special problems.

NEW WORK: 38 new churches and 81 new missions were begun during the year. Pilot projects are also being used to determine the most effective methods of ministering to apartment dwellers and mobile court residents.

LANGUAGE MISSIONS: This department led in the establishment of 96 new language-culture congregations during the year. There are 950 language missionaries among 30 ethnic groups.

CHURCH LOANS: This division provided counsel on church loans to 1300 congregations during the year and approved 250 loan applications for a total of more than \$12 million.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING: On October 2, 1975, the offering had reached \$8,190,629, an increase of 5.8% and it appears likely now that the full goal of \$8.5 will be reached.

MISSION PERSONNEL: On September 30, the total number of missionaries receiving full or partial support from the Home Mission Board was 2,082, a gain of seven over one year ago. 299 persons received appointment during the year.

This is a very critical year for the Home Mission Board as we celebrate the Bicentennial of our nation because of its nationwide missions responsibility and also because of the selection of a new Executive Director-Treasurer at the retirement of Dr. Arthur Rutledge.

May God grant, for His glory, that the year ahead may be another year of encouraging progress in pressing the loving claims of Christ upon individuals, families, communities, and the nation as a whole through the varied ministries of the Home Mission Board.

Continue to support Home Missions through your prayers and your gifts through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Albert A. Young

Concerning the report of the membership committee for this year:

The Constitution and By-Laws says, "This committee shall receive and consider all petitionary letters regarding churches seeking membership in the association. It shall investigate and make recommendations concerning any complaints relative to the fellowship and cooperation of member churches."

This committee has not received a call for its services this past year.

REPORT OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Edgar L. Lineberger

The Annual Music Conference for all the churches of the Theron Rankin Baptist Association was held at the West Hickory Baptist Church, January 27, 1975. Following a buffet dinner, singing was enjoyed by all and a 'Name That Tune' game was played using the hymns from our Baptist Hymnal. A program of the different types of music was presented by the following: Gospel, by Lloyd Pittman and his quartet of the Sandy Ridge Church; Saw Playing, by Charles Brown of the Viewmont Church; Western-Country, by Sidney Tanner and his Hee Hee folk of the East Hickory Church; and The Plain Country, by Ara Baker and her side kicks of the Temple Church. A great time was had by all 115 persons present from the 12 churches represented. Many thanks to all for the fine co-operation received in the past year.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Raleigh Castelloe

Clerk.....	Miss Helen Cater
Treasurer.....	Frelon W. Broome
Historian.....	Mrs. Larna Robbins
Parliamentarian.....	James E. Britt
Trustees.....	David L. Stewart, Chairman, Term expiring 1976 Harold E. Deal, Term Expiring 1977 Don Adams, Term Expiring 1978
General Board Representative (1978).....	Dr. Smoot Baker
Sunday School Director.....	Rev. Raleigh Castelloe
Church Training Director.....	Mrs. Smoot Baker
Brotherhood Director.....	B. J. Abernethy
Woman's Missionary Union Director.....	Mrs. J. Bruce Walker
Music Director.....	Rev. David O. Byler

STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAM:	Rev. J. Bruce Walker, Chairman, Mrs. W. J. Furr, Rev. Gerald Alley, Rev. David O. Byler, Dr. Ben Byrd, Pastor of Catawba Church
MEMBERSHIP:	Dr. W. J. Furr, Chairman, Paul McManus, Edgar L. Lineberger, Dr. Ben Byrd, Rev. V. C. Martin
RESOLUTIONS:	Mrs. Harold Threatt, Chairman, Rev. I. D. Phillips, Sidney Tanner, Mrs. Aubrey D. Folk, Rev. Ronald Kiser
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS:	Rev. Bob Hillard, Chairman, Atty. E. Murray Tate, Jr., Rev. John Dean
EXTENSION:	Rev. Alvin Walker, Chairman, Dr. R. F. Smith, Jr., Rev. Homer Greene, Martin Frank, Lloyd Pittman
FINANCE:	Rev. J. Max Smith, Chairman, Rev. Glen A. Ramsey, Jr., Mrs. Larry Penley, Rev. Ben Hall, Mrs. Clyde F. Smith, Rev. Wray C. Barrett, Earl Melton, Frelon Broome, Ex Officio
PLACE & PREACHER:	Rev. Richard Fisher, Chairman, Julian Suggs, III, Cecil Mull, Mrs. I. D. Phillips, Mrs. James R. Glenn
CHRISTIAN LIFE:	Rev. Harold Threatt, Rev. Charles High, Harold Ellis, Wayne McDowell, John F. Hall
ORDINATION:	Rev. Walter Cooley, Rev. Harvey Laughter, Mrs. Homer Bradey, Donald E. Greene, Rev. Bobby A. Langston
PUBLICITY:	Frank Poovey, Chairman, Mrs. Mack Drum, Rev. Matt Hastings
EVANGELISM:	Rev. H. Phillip King, Dr. Smoot Baker, Charles R. Brown
ENROLLMENT:	V. H. White, plus three associates from each host Church.
ASSOCIATION OFFICE:	Rev. Joe Coltrane, Rev. Fred Thompson, Mrs. Raleigh Castelloe, Mrs. J. Jeniel Stewart, J. Perry Abernethy
CENTRAL TRAINING SCHOOL:	Rev. J. Harold Craig, Director, plus the head of each program organization or their representative.
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:	George F. Hemphill, Chairman, Earl Roberts, Dan Waters
NOMINATING:	(to be named by respective organizations)

REPRESENTATIVES

American Bible Society.....	Mrs. Lewis E. Bumgarner
Annuity Board.....	Rev. Roy Beals
Baptist Hospital.....	Rev. Aubrey D. Folk
Children's Homes.....	E. Ted Chandler, MD
Christian Education.....	Rev. Albert A. Young
Christian Literature.....	Mrs. V. C. Martin
Homes for the Aging.....	Mrs. L. P. Frans
Foreign Missions.....	Mrs. Rose W. Wolff
Home Missions.....	Mrs. Bernard Bock
State Missions.....	Mrs. Sidney Tanner

REPORT OF ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Alvin A. Walker

In the past twelve months two of our men were ordained to the gospel ministry. Michael Douglas Kirby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hadyn Kirby, was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Newton, March 23, the examination being held March 15. Phillip Ward Ellington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hendley Ellington, was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Hickory, August 31, the examination being held August 4. Each of these young men was ordained to be an associate pastor, and each distinguished himself with excellent responses to the examining council.

REPORT OF PLACE AND PREACHER COMMITTEE

Glen A. Ramsey, Jr.

The Place and Preacher Committee recommend that the Association meet with the Catawba Baptist Church on the first day in 1976 and with the First Baptist Church, Hildebran on the second day.

We further recommend that Joe D. Coltrane, pastor of the East Hickory Baptist Church, be our preacher and that Smoot Baker, retired pastor from the Temple Baptist Church, be the alternate.

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, The Theron Rankin Baptist Association has enjoyed the warm hospitality of the host churches, and the inspiration of the various speakers during the twentieth annual session meeting October 23 and 24, 1975,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that deep and sincere appreciation be expressed to the members of Mountain Grove Baptist Church for their sincere hospitality extended to us in the use of their facilities and the preparation and provision of a delightful dinner. We further express appreciation for the hospitality and provisions extended to us by members of Central Baptist Church. Both of these churches have gone to an extra effort to provide for our needs. We are grateful for the services rendered by these two churches. The pastors, Rev. Homer Bradey and Rev. Bruce Walker, are to be commended for leading these two churches in doing such a fine job providing for the needs of this annual session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that gratitude be expressed to speakers for their inspirational, informative and challenging reports and messages, and especially Dr. Frank Campbell for leading us in worship and the response of people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that expressions of gratitude be extended to West Hickory Baptist Church Choir and their Minister of Music, Edgar Lineberger, for an excellent performance and message in music. We, also, express appreciation for the excellent performance of Mills Home Choir. The music for the entire session has been well planned, prepared and presented, for which we are grateful.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that grateful acknowledgement and heartfelt gratitude be expressed to the Moderator, Rev. Homer Bradey; Vice-Moderator, Rev. Walter Cooley; Promotional Secretary and Clerk, Miss Helen Cater, and all other officers of the Association for their untiring assistance in their efficient preparation and execution of the program.

Wray G. Barrett, Chairman
James E. Britt
Mrs. H. Phillip King
Miss Susie Danner
Mrs. David L. Stewart

THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

George F. Hemphill

We have received contributions this year from individuals from the West Hickory Church. The following is a report of these funds on deposit at the First Savings and Loan Association in

Hickory:	
Balance on deposit on September 30, 1974	\$4,008.01
Deposits added during this year	100.00
Dividends added this year	239.84
Balance on deposit on September 30, 1975	\$4,347.85

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS Mrs. Homer Bradey

Southern Baptists’ compassion for world missions must also include the real needs of our own counties and state. State and associational missions are indeed part of the world mission imperative. Without neglecting distant lands, we must continue to build a strong state missions program throughout North Carolina.

State missions can be divided into two major categories: (1) STRENGTHENING ministries and (2) LENGTHENING ministries.

Strengthening ministries help develop local church organizations such as Sunday School, WMU, Church Training, Brotherhood, etc. These programs enable local churches to realize their own mission potential. Workshops, seminars, and conferences are conducted throughout the year for the development of local church programs.

The second type of state missions are those ministries that lengthen the local church’s witness. These are cooperative efforts requiring the resources of more than one church or association. Examples of these programs are resort missions, deaf ministries, chaplaincy ministries, city and metropolitan missions, church loans and lot aid, seminary extension, migrant missions, etc. Many of these ministries are co-sponsored by district associations and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

All state mission ministries are in some way cooperative efforts of local churches and associations. Church and associational development, in fact, is one of the primary goals of state missions in North Carolina. The purpose is to build goals of state missions in North Carolina. The purpose is to build strong “mission stations” across the state as a foundation for the overall support of world missions, Christian education, and benevolences.

State Missions in North Carolina is supported by the Cooperative Program and the annual State Missions Offering in September.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL Raleigh Castelloe

During 1974-75 the Sunday School was involved in two emphases involving the churches of the association.

REACH OUT in the fall of 1974 was an effort to locate prospects and enlist them for Bible study, and also to improve the attendance of those already enrolled in our Sunday Schools. The culmination of this emphasis was Celebration Sunday on November 17, 1974, when we had 7,901 people present in the Sunday Schools of our association.

Reach Out '75 will be a similar emphasis for the 1975-76 associational year. Celebration Sunday will be November 2, and our attendance goal is 8,113, or seventy percent of enrollment. All the churches are encouraged to participate in this effort.

On May 6, 1975, the Vacation Bible School Clinic for the association was held at the First Baptist Church, Hickory. The clinic was conducted by a corps of age-group workers who had been trained in the State VBS Clinic at Wingate College. Also a new schedule was implemented, with a brief session for study of the Joint Worship Service being first, followed by supper, and then unbroken conference time for the remainder of the evening. This proved highly satisfactory and solved the problem of different groups of conferees in afternoon and evening sessions. Our thanks go to Mr. Sidney Tanner and his workers for a job well done. We also appreciate the use of the building and the preparation of the meal by First Church, Hickory.

In addition to these association-wide projects our trained age-group workers have helped several of the churches in local Sunday School improvement efforts during the year. Our gratitude is extended to these workers for their faithful service. Workers will also be available during the 1975-76 church year. If we can help you, please call on us.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES

M. S. Brittain

This year we received four full applications and one incomplete application for Scholarships. We could not consider the incomplete application.

In making our recommendation we chose the two who were more firmly committed to full-time religious work according to their statement on the application relating to their course of study.

Scholarships, \$500.00 each, were awarded to C. Russell Chappell from Viewmont Church to attend Gardner-Webb College and to Jody Kevin Harwood from First Baptist Church, Hickory to attend Gardner-Webb College.

Our recommendation that next year we give three smaller Scholarships of \$350.00 each was approved by the Finance and Executive Committees.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. Bruce Walker

For the past eight years, Woman's Missionary Union has been under the capable and dedicated leadership of Mrs. Rose Wolff. She has served above and beyond the call of duty, as she sought to make our Associational Woman's Missionary Union one of the best in the state. At the State meeting in Charlotte, we were recognized as Distinguished W.M.U., the highest advancement possible. Surely, it was because of the leadership and hard work of this most loyal, concerned director. Many thanks to Rose Wolff for a job well done.

This has been a year of new experiences for many council members, as we are learning how to function in our new office. Already we are off to a good start after attending the Leadership Conference at Fruitland, which prepared us to have our own conference in September. There were 137 in attendance.

As "Laborers together with God," we can go forward in our work for Him.

MINUTES OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION ANNUAL MEETING

April 22, 1975 held at Central Baptist Church

Nineteen churches were represented at the annual session of the Associational Woman's Missionary Union held Tuesday, April 22, 1975 at the Central Baptist Church, Hickory. The call to prayer was presented by Mrs. Joe Coltrane. Mrs. Herman Hildebran of Central Church welcomed the members and visitors. Miss Helen Cater, Promotional Secretary, took the roll call of churches and Mrs. Ronda Russell, Associational WMU Secretary & Treasurer, read the minutes.

Mrs. Larry Poteat of the nominating committee presented the following officers to serve the 1975-76 term: Director: Mrs. Bruce Walker; Associate Director: Mrs. Aubrey Folk; Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs. Jimmy Stephens; Baptist Women Director: Mrs. Joe Coltrane; Assoc. BW Director: Mrs. James R. Glenn; Baptist Young Women Director: Mrs. Richard Fisher; Assoc. BYW Director: Mrs. Martin Boroughs; Acteens Director: Mrs. Alvin Lane; Assoc. Acteens Director: Mrs. J. D. Reinhardt; Girl's in Action Co-Directors: Mrs. Joel Barger and Mrs. Sidney Tanner; Missions Friends Director: Mrs. I. D. Phillips; Assoc. MF Director: Mrs. W. K. Truett; Mission Support Director: Mrs. Dale Wilson; Enlistment & Enlargement Director: Mrs. W. J. Patterson; Mission Action Director: Mrs. Larry Poteat; Mission Study Director: Mrs. Rose Wolff. These officers were elected and installed by Rev. Bruce Walker, Pastor of Central Church.

The business session was conducted by Mrs. Rose Wolff. Mrs. Wolff expressed her thanks to Central Church for furnishing a meeting place and recognized the visitors present. Certain changes in the Constitution were approved.

Mrs. Paul Kennedy spoke on the foster home plan and urged all members to take part in this plan.

Special music was presented by Mrs. Harold Threatt with Mrs. Bruce Walker as accompanist.

Mrs. Walter introduced the speaker of the evening, Miss Faye Tunmire. Her topic was MISSION OPPORTUNITIES HERE—MISSION OPPORTUNITIES THERE. Miss Tunmire is a Southern Baptist missionary based in Davao City in the Philippines and directs student work there. She has worked in missions at home and abroad, and was at one time director for religious education at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Hudson. Her topic was most interesting and she told of the work she was doing with the youth. She inspired those present with information about her work.

The benediction was presented by Mrs. Richard Fisher. Central Church hosted a fellowship following the meeting.

Mrs. Ronda Russell, Secretary

REPORT OF HISTORIAN

Mrs. Larna Robbins

Mrs. W. B. Duncan resigned as Historian last year; we appreciate the fine work she has done since 1965.

Thirty-four of our thirty-five churches were represented in attendance at the 19th annual session last October. It was decided that the 1975 sessions would be held at MOUNTAIN GROVE and CENTRAL churches, with Rev. Homer Greene preaching the Annual Sermon with Rev. Bruce Walker as alternate. Rev. Homer Bradey was elected moderator, with Rev. Walter Cooley as vice moderator.

Many changes have been made in our churches this year . . . personnel, buildings, etc. WOODLAWN began the new year debt free. The Pastor, Rev. Harold Threatt, has organized a "Golden Age" group for their Senior Adults. "M" Night was held at VIEWMONT on November 25 with Rev. Gene Watterson of Shelby as inspirational speaker. FAIRBROOK has as their new pastor, Rev. Carroll Craig, a student at Fruitland Bible Institute. Benny Johnson came to CENTRAL as Director of Music in November. FAIRGROVE has as their new Director of Music, Virgil Buff. Ervel Jones resigned as pastor of FAIRBROOK to go to a church in Taylorsville.

Rev. Roy Beals announced his retirement from HIGHLAND to become effective on January 26, 1975. He was replaced by Rev. Charles H. High of Stanley on June 15, 1975. PENELOPE had open house for their new fellowship center on Sunday, November 3. WARLICK'S renovated their new pastorium this year and also purchased new choir robes. CATAWBA purchased property adjacent to their church consisting of a classroom building and lot, and observed their 100th Anniversary.

The Associational Music Conference was held on January 27 at WEST HICKORY. Central Training School was held on February 10-12 at HICKORY, FIRST. HILDEBRAN, FIRST has given a \$1,000.00 scholarship to Wake Forest University for use by the three sons of Foreign Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Hix. The Children's Choir of PENELOPE have a song for which they wrote both words and music, published in "Music Makers," SBC publication for younger children's choirs. Julian S. Suggs, Minister of Music/Youth at HIGHLAND, has been accepted as a member of the "Centurymen."

FIRST, HICKORY has begun a class for mentally retarded children up to age 10. Classes are from 9:30—12:15 p.m. on Sundays.

March 23 was set as Gardner-Webb Ministerial Education Day in our Association. Many churches participated. Paul McManus came to WOODLAWN on March 19 as Minister of Music/Education/Youth. CLAREMONT, FIRST, Rev. V. C. Martin, pastor, has licensed Mr. James Pierce to preach.

Two of our ministers went on mission trips for the Home Mission Board. They are Dr. William Furr, NEWTON, FIRST, who went to Windsor United Baptist Church in Nova Scotia and Rev. Albert A. Young, VIEWMONT, who went to Alaska.

CENTRAL, Rev. Bruce Walker, Pastor, has subscribed a \$225,000.00 bond program for a new Sanctuary. They had ground breaking on February 16 and entered the new Sanctuary on September 21. VIEWMONT has purchased additional property. Their master plans call for additional educational, social and Recreational space.

A large number of our churches participated in the World Hunger Relief offering sponsored by the State Convention and Foreign Mission Board. Rev. Fred Thompson, chairman of the special Study Committee on an Emergency Child Care Home, announced that the committee is now promoting Foster Home Care with families in our area.

Mrs. Bruce Walker was installed as Associational Director of Woman's Missionary Union at their annual session in April. Our thanks to Mrs. Rose Wolff who served so faithfully for eight years.

NEWTON, FIRST ordained Mike Kirby to the Gospel Ministry. LONGVIEW, Glen A. Ramsey, Pastor, has started a class for the Deaf. VIEWMONT AND LAKEVIEW have recently held joint Sunday evening interracial services with FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST (Black). The four services rotated on alternate Sunday evenings from the SBC churches to the Black church and they reported good responses. ICARD has purchased an Allen organ. PROVIDENCE has called as their new pastor, Rev. Ben Hall, formerly from Elizabeth City. Dr. William J. Furr, NEWTON, FIRST has re-

ceived his Doctor of Ministry degree from Southeastern Seminary. Dr. R. F. Smith, Jr., HICKORY, FIRST, has received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Southeastern Seminary. Phillip Ellington, HICKORY, FIRST, received the Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary; this church has ordained him and he is now serving as Associate Minister of Calvary Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Michael Sigmon, PENELOPE, received his Master of Divinity degree at Southern Seminary and is now pastoring a church in Sparta, Georgia. Steve Teague, HICKORY, FIRST, has received his Master of Divinity degree from Southern Seminary and is now serving as Associate Pastor of the University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill. Tom Lundy, Minister of Education/Youth, VIEWMONT, was ordained by his home church, NORTHSIDE, Columbia, S. C., on May 25th. HILDEBRAN, FIRST dedicated their new Sanctuary on June 22. HIGHLAND has purchased additional property adjacent to the back parking lot. SANDY RIDGE, Rev. Homer F. Greene, pastor, has approved construction of a new Sanctuary seating 700 at a cost of \$400,000.00. Youth from HICKORY, FIRST went to Tallahassee, Florida to conduct a backyard Bible School. NEWTON, FIRST went to Moline, Illinois for their Mission trip and VIEWMONT youth went to Merrillville, Indiana to conduct Bible Schools and sing.

Harold Craig, Minister of Music/Education at PENELOPE, was elected a trustee of the Home Mission Board, SBC at the meeting in Miami Beach. The HIGHLAND softball team won the State Championship; this is four out of the last five years. WOODLAWN will begin weekly Wednesday evening suppers beginning in September. CLAREMONT, FIRST has purchased a church bus. Kenneth Page has resigned as pastor of CATAWBA. STARTOWN, FIRST, Rev. I. D. Phillips, Pastor, paid off their old indebtedness and are now in their new educational building. Rev. Charles H. High, pastor of HIGHLAND, has started a radio ministry on Sundays from 8:10-8:20 on WIRC and WXRC. CORINTH has called Rev. R. J. Pressley as pastor. Dr. Smoot Baker, Pastor of TEMPLE, announced his retirement from the pastorate effective December 31, 1975.

HICKORY, FIRST has completed a reorganization of their church organization structure. NEWTON, FIRST has purchased property for a new pastorial. NORTH NEWTON is now debt free. They have paved their parking lot and constructed a ball field. WINKLER'S GROVE has purchased additional land and purchased another bus for their bus ministry. EAST HICKORY has purchased a set of handbells.

In Memoriam

BROOKFORD: Mr. B. B. Bishop

CALVARY, HICKORY: Mrs. Evelyn Seitz, Mr. Paul Cook

CALVARY, NEWTON: Mrs. B. B. White, Mr. Ed Harrell, Mr. Richard Roos, Mr. Clyde Yoder, Mr. Frank Jenkins

CATAWBA: Mr. T. Noel Ervin (Deacon), Miss Sue Ann Keith, Mrs. W. R. Keith, Mrs. Locke Rink

CENTRAL: Mr. Ray Hedrick

CLAREMONT, FIRST: Mrs. Harvey Ledford

CORINTH: Mrs. Creighton Mullinax, Mrs. Clarence Workman

EAST FIRST STREET: Mrs. Edna Flowers, Mrs. Callie Tibbs, Mr. Donald Hamrick, Mr. Eschew Morrow

FAIRBROOK: Mr. J. J. Thompson

EAST HICKORY: Mr. Clarence Newton, Mrs. C. P. Guthrie, Mr. C. P. (John) Fisher

FIRST, HICKORY: Mr. L. G. Hord, Mr. John Eckard, Mrs. R. L. Mitchell, Dr. E. J. McCoy, Mrs. Nell Boyer, Mr. Clifford Huffman, Mrs. W. A. Whitener, Mr. Grady Johnson, Mrs. P. A. Settlementmyre, Mrs. O. A. Yoder, Mrs. W. C. Anderson, Mrs. M. E. Willis, Mr. W. C. Anderson, Mr. Joe A. Bost, Mrs. W. T. Stevenson, Mrs. O. H. Hester, Mr. J. Paul Fox, Sr.

WEST HICKORY: Mrs. Vance Ward, Sr., Mrs. O. F. Annas, Mrs. Robert Danner, Mrs. George Day, Mr. Charles Propst, Mr. Wade Wike, Mr. M. E. Bumgarner, Mr. E. D. Melvin, Sr., Mr. T. C. Byers, Mrs. John R. Reid

HIGHLAND: Mr. Richard Deitz, Mr. Raymond H. Camp, Mr. Levi Phillips, Mrs. Floyd Bass, Mr. Everett McNeeley, Mr. Regionald Culpepper, Mrs. Della Davis, Mr. Elmer G. Martin, Mrs. Thomas Vick, Mr. L. W. Culpepper, Mr. David King, Mr. Paul Allen, Mr. H. L. Gibbs, Mrs. E. M. Suggs

HILDEBRAN, FIRST: Mrs. Maggie Hutto, Mr. Lester Shelton, Mr. Paul Evans

ICARD: Mr. Everette Eckard (Deacon)

LAKEVIEW: Mr. James R. Poole
 LONGVIEW: Mr. Arthur Cochran
 NEWTON, FIRST: Mrs. Garland Wilson, Mrs. Betty B. Moretz, Mr. John Clapp, Mr. Stewart Putnam, Mr. Ted Drum, Mr. Clyde Murray, Mrs. Ralph Sharpe, Mrs. B. B. Burrus, Sr., Mrs. Clarence Deal, Mr. John Coley, Mr. Tim Parker, Mrs. M. L. Brown, Miss Shirley Alexander, Mrs. Frank Witherspoon
 NORTH NEWTON: Mr. Paul Sweet, Mr. Norman Hursey (Deacon), Mr. George Cranford
 PENELOPE: Mrs. Raymond Brittain, Mrs. R. E. Elrod, Mr. Colon Kanipe
 PROVIDENCE: Mr. Melvin Hudson, Miss Fern Hudson
 SANDY RIDGE: Mrs. Cam Wilkinson, Mr. Ray Starnes (Deacon)
 SPRINGS ROAD: Mr. Jay Frye
 STARTOWN: Mr. Vance Wesley King, Mr. Bill G. Hoyle
 TEMPLE: Mrs. Bill Wilson, Mr. Robert Lee Morriss
 VIEWMONT: Mrs. W. T. Deal, Mr. T. E. Gregg, Mr. Bain Sisk, Mr. C. Leon Teague, Mr. T. A. Darrow, Miss Myra Yount, Mr. R. A. Smith, Mr. Ned Trexler, Mr. W. C. Madaris
 WARLICK'S: Mr. Kelly Fulbright, Mrs. Kelly Fulbright
 WAYSIDE: Mrs. Beulah Buchanan
 WINKLER'S GROVE: Mrs. Essie Winkler, Mr. Clarence Lingle, Mr. Kelly Page
 WOODLAWN: Mr. Jimmy Picker, Mrs. Eva Spencer

Church Directory

PASTORS

The names and addresses of the pastors of the association are contained in Statistical Table A.

FULL TIME ASSISTANT PASTORS, EDUCATIONAL, MUSIC DIRECTORS, ORGANISTS, SECRETARIES

Name	Address	Church	Work
Aldridge, Mrs. Dallas	40 12 St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Child Care Director
Anderson, Mrs. Jerry	Rt. 4, Box 189, Newton	North Newton	Church Secretary
Berry, Mrs. Betty	Box 277, Icard	Icard	Church Secretary
Berry, Mrs. Robert	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Church Secretary
Brown, Charles R.	1246 2 St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Music
Burleson, Mrs. Steve	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Assoc. Secretary
Byler, Rev. David O.	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Music
Castelloe, Rev. Raleigh	First Baptist Ch., Newton	Newton, First	Ass't Pastor/Ed/Youth
Cook, Mrs. Lewis	Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory	Sandy Ridge	Church Secretary
Craig, Rev. J. Harold	3310 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Music/Education
Dean, Rev. John	828 9 Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Ass't Pastor/Educ.
DeHart, Mrs. H. J. Jr.	Box 743, Conover	Woodlawn	Church Secretary
Drum, Mrs. Mack	First Baptist Ch., Newton	Newton, First	Church Secretary
Ellis, Harold	816 E. 22 St., Newton	North Newton	Music/Youth
Evans, Mrs. Harold	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory First	Music Secretary
Frye, Mrs. Scott	316 W. 21 St., Newton	North Newton	Child Care Dir.
Harrell, Mrs. Pat	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Child Care Dir.
Johnson, Mrs. Benny	Box 617, Hildebran	Hildebran, First	Church Secretary
Kiser, Rev. Ronald	Rt. 6, Box 1005, Hickory	Sandy Ridge	Ass't Pastor
Lail, Mrs. Ronald	40 12 St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Church Secretary
Lineberger, Edgar L.	40 12 St. NW, Hickory	West Hickory	Music/Education
Lundy, Rev. R. Tom	1246 2 St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Education/Youth
McDaniel, Mrs. Michael	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Pastor's Secretary
McManus, Paul	Box 273, Conover	Woodlawn	Music/Ed/Youth
Mull, Mrs. Jane	Rt. 7, Box 57, Hickory	Winkler's Grove	Church Secretary
O'Brien, Mrs. Virginia	Rt. 5, Box 186-F, Hickory	Springs Road	Church Secretary
Panther, Mrs. Margaret	1246 2 St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Pastor's Secretary
Phillips, Rev. Larry	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Ass't Pastor/Youth
Rhyne, Mrs. Ted	1246 2 St. NE, Hickory	Viewmont	Church Secretary

Robbins, Mrs. Larna	828 9 Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Church Secretary
Schronce, Mrs. Connie	Rt. 1, Box 132-A, Maiden	East 1 St. (N)	Church Secretary
Smith, Mrs. Clyde F.	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Financial Secretary
Smith, Mrs. Scott	3310 Main Ave. NW, Hickory	Penelope	Child Care Dir.
Stewart, Mrs. Jeniel	Rt. 9, Box 729, Hickory	Lakeview	Church Secretary
Suggs, Julian S., III	828 9 Ave. NE, Hickory	Highland	Music/Youth
Tanner, Sidney E.	Rt. 6, Box 277, Hickory	East Hickory	Music/Youth
Ward, Mrs. Henry	130 16 St. SE, Hickory	East Hickory	Church Secretary
Whisnant, Mrs. Dean	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Church Secretary
Wolff, Mrs. Rose W.	354 1 Ave. NW, Hickory	Hickory, First	Church Hostess

ORDAINED MINISTERS, NOT PASTORS, HOLDING MEMBERSHIP
IN THE CHURCHES OF THE THERON RANKIN ASSOCIATION

Name	Address	Church
Abernethy, Lt. Col. Alfred J. (Ch.)		
2809 Dena Dr., San Angelo, Texas 76907.....		Providence
Beals, Roy (R), 122 18 Avenue, NE, Hickory 28601.....		Highland
Bettini, G. Milton (I), Box 382, Conover, 28613.....		Newton, First
Bryant, Wade (I), Rt. 4, Box 58, Conover 28613.....		Penelope
Carreno, Rick (E), 1705 Falmouth Way, Modesto, Calif. 95350.....		Icard
Crump, Zeno (I), Rt. 7, Hickory 28601.....		Warlick's
Denton, H. M. (Ch.), Rt. 9, Box 33, Hickory 28601.....		Highland
Gilbert, Frank (I), Rt. 2, Connelly Springs, 28612.....		Warlick's
Helton, Clyde (I), Box 234, Hickory 28601.....		Longview
Hemphill, Fritz D. (R), 1221 12 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601.....		West Hickory
Hicks, Fred (I), Box 434, Granite Falls 28630.....		Hickory, First
Ledford, A. V. (R), Icard 28666.....		Icard
McCurry, Grady (I), Rt. 4, Hickory 28601.....		Wayside
McGinnis, H. M.(R), Rt. 10, Box 88, Hickory 28601.....		Hildebran, First
Melvin, William E. (I), Rt. 11, Box 392, Hickory 28601.....		Highland
Page, Kenneth, Catawba 28609.....		Catawba
Penley, Dr. Larry (I), Rt. 8, Box 842, Hickory 28601.....		Mountain Grove
Perry, Bobby Joe (I), Rt. 1, Box 360, Newton 28658.....		Startown
Pollack, John (I), 438 7 Ave. PL NW, Hickory 28601.....		Hickory, First
Price, J. Louis, 2820 1 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601.....		West Hickory
Revels, Albert (I), 424 25 St. SW, Hickory 28601.....		Longview
Rhodes, Joe C. (I), 105 Ann Ave., Newton 28658.....		North Newton
Robinson, Earnest (I), Rt. 2, Box 901, Hickory 28601.....		Sandy Ridge
Sims, Samuel E. (E), 609 5 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601.....		Hickory, First
Smith, E. B. Jr. (I), Rt. 2, Box 613, Hickory 28601.....		Highland
Smith, J. Max Jr., Box 96, Hildebran 28637.....		Icard
Starnes, Ted L. (I), Rt. 6, Hickory 28601.....		Sandy Ridge
Walker, Alvin A. (R), Rt. 3, Box 766, Newton 28658.....		Newton, First

LICENSED MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCHES

Name	Address	Church
Arndt, David, Sherrills Ford.....		Catawba
Berry, Lawrence R., Catawba 28609.....		Catawba
Conley, Harry, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs 28612.....		Longview
Curtis, Harry, Box 27, Rhodhiss 28667.....		Wayside
Gibson, Charles, 526 24 St. SW, Hickory 28601.....		Wayside
Kistler, Billy, 1740 2 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601.....		Unity
Leonhardt, Miss Debbie, 31 39 St. NW, Hickory 28601.....		Penelope
Robbins, Frank, Jr., Rt. 4, Newton 28658.....		Startown
Teague, Marvin, Jr., Hickory 28601.....		Calvary (H)
Warren, Jack, Rt. 11, Box 94, Hickory 28601.....		Fairgrove

MINISTERS ORDAINED DURING THE YEAR

Church	Name	Address
First Hickory.....	Phillip Ward Ellington,	549 N. Center St., Hickory 28601
First, Newton.....	Michael Kirby,	1315 9 Ave. NW, Conover 28613

MINISTERS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR

Church	Name	Address
Fairgrove.....	Jack Warren,	Rt. 11, Box 94, Hickory 28601

MISSIONS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

None

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOLS SPONSORED BY THE CHURCHES

Church	Mission	Address
Viewmont.....	Flynn Home for Alcoholics,	706 Main Ave. SE, Hickory 28601
Viewmont.....	Nursecare,	220 13 Ave. Pl. NW, Hickory 28601
Viewmont.....	Pell-Care,	1000 10 St. Blvd NW, Hickory 28601
Woodlawn.....	Catawba Valley Rest Home,	Conover, 28613

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Church	Name	Address
Calvary, Hickory.....	Mrs. June Marr,	Rt. 7, Box 207, Hickory 28601
Catawba.....	Mrs. Allen Oxford,	Rt. 2, Box 169-C, Claremont 28610
Central.....	Mrs. Pat Christopher,	1540 33 St., SW, Hickory 28601
Corinth.....	Mrs. Tommy Poovey,	Rt. 3, Box 338, Vale 28168
East First St. (N).....	Mrs. Lucille Hooks,	Rt. 2, Box 138-D, Newton 28658
Fairgrove.....	Mrs. Jay Byles,	Rt. 2, Box 14-B, Claremont 28610
Hickory, First.....	Mrs. Spurgeon Young,	196 23 St. NW, Hickory 28601
Hickory, West.....	Mrs. Joe Brown,	145 34 St. NW, Hickory 28601
Highland.....	Mrs. Trinton Hooks,	2121 25 St. Dr. NE, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First.....	Mrs. Glenn Harwell,	Rt. 4, Box 42, Hickory 28601
Icard.....	Mrs. Ed Swann,	Box 4, Icard 28666
Lakeview.....	Mrs. Keith A. Arledge,	Rt. 10, Box 231, Hickory 28601
Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. Glenn Herman,	Rt. 8, Box 768, Hickory 28601
Newton, First.....	Mr. James Britt,	220 Pinehurst Lane, Newton 28658
North Newton.....	Mrs. Monty Moore,	Rt. 1, Box 110-A1, Maiden 28650
Providence.....	Miss Janice Rudisill,	Rt. 1, Box 433, Hickory 28601
Startown.....	Mrs. Jane Robinson,	Rt. 4, 3 Amelia Court, Newton 28658
Temple.....	Miss Janet Brackett,	Rt. 3, Box 300, Hickory 28601
Viewmont.....	Mrs. Wesley Dockery,	730 6 St. NW, Hickory 28601
Warlick's.....	Mrs. Jewel Smith,	Rt. 1, Valdese 28690
Woodlawn.....	Mrs. Bob Mize,	610 2 Ave. Pl. NE, Conover 28613

ORGANISTS

Church	Name	Address
Calvary, Hickory.....	Mrs. June Marr,	Rt. 7, Box 207, Hickory 28601
Calvary, Newton.....	Mrs. Anne Holsclaw,	Rt. 4, Box 97, Newton 28658
Catawba.....	Miss Tina Stewart,	Rt. 1, Box 256, Catawba 28609
Central.....	Miss Martha Eggers,	Box 175, Hildebran 28637
Claremont, First.....	Danny Foster,	210 3 St. NE, Conover 28613
Corinth.....	Mrs. Harold Whitener,	Rt. 8, Hickory 28601
East 1st Street.....	Mrs. Vernon Lyda,	212 Davis Ave., Newton 28658
Fairbrook.....	Mrs. Chloe Taylor,	Rt. 3, Box 546-B, Newton 28658
Fairgrove.....	Mrs. Virgil Buff,	Box 462, Hildebran 28637
Hickory, East.....	Mrs. Earl Sudduth,	Rt. 5, Box 431-R, Hickory 28601
Hickory, First.....	Tim Warren,	1710 2 St. Pl. SW, Hickory 28601
Hickory, West.....	Mrs. Larry Rhoney,	2119 4 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601
Highland.....	Miss Eucella Hamilton,	Box 186, Hickory 28601
Hildebran, First.....	Mrs. Lucille Johnson,	Rt. 2, Box 780, Connelly Spgs. 28612
Icard.....	Mrs. Jim Jacumin,	Box A, Icard 28666
Lakeview.....	Mrs. T. Howard Barnes,	441 28 Ave. PL NE, Hickory 28601
Longview.....	Ms. Juanita Newton,	305 32 St. Pl. SW, Hickory 28601
Mountain Grove.....	Mrs. Charles Lee Huffman,	Rt. 8, Hickory 28601
Newton, First.....	Mrs. Charles B. Craig,	712 7 Ave., SW, Conover 28613
North Newton.....	Mrs. Joe Rhodes,	105 Ann Ave., Newton 28658

Oxford.....	Mrs. Margaret Starnes, Rt. 1, Box 685-C, Claremont	28610
Penelope.....	Mrs. Mayo Weaver, Box 1566, Hickory	28601
Providence.....	Mrs. M. S. Brittain, Rt. 4, Box 386, Hickory	28601
Sandy Ridge.....	Mrs. Lloyd Pittman, Box 1286, Hickory	28601
Springs Road.....	Mrs. Eugenia Gragg, Rt. 9, Box 479, Hickory	28601
Startown.....	Ms. Delores Huffman, Box 865, Newton	28658
Sweetwater.....	Ms. Vonda Buchanan, 116 W. 27 St., Newton	28658
Temple.....	Mrs. Gene Swanson, Rt. 3, Box 33, Hickory	28601
Unity.....	Mrs. Bill Annas, 1017 39 St. SW, Hickory	28601
Viewmont.....	Mrs. Nancy Annas, Rt. 10, Box 183, Hickory	28601
Warlick's.....	Mrs. Valerie Hendrix, Rt. 1, Valdese	28690
Wayside.....	Ms. Opel Gibson, 526 24 St. SW, Hickory	28601
Winkler's Grove.....	Charles Abee, Rt. 7, Box 346, Hickory	28601
Woodlawn.....	Mrs. David Stewart, 413 2 Ave. PL NE, Conover	28613

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Church	Name	Address
Calvary Newton.....	Grady Pate, 502 Union St., Maiden	28650
Central.....	Jimmy Hipps, Rt. 2, Box 614, Connelly Springs	28612
East 1st St., (N).....	Calvin Proctor, Box 273, Newton	28658
Fairbrook.....	Bruce Cook, Rt. 3, Box 173, Hickory	28601
Hickory, East.....	Sidney E. Tanner, Rt. 6, Box 277, Hickory	28601
Hickory, First.....	Kenneth Hogue, Rt. 6, Box 801, Hickory	28601
Hickory, West.....	Tommy Caldwell, 1860 14 St., NE, Hickory	28601
Highland.....	Ted Stezer, 1013 7 St. NE, Hickory	28601
Hildebran, First.....	Wayne Young, Hildebran	28637
Lakeview.....	Gary Teague, 2239 16 Ave. NE, Hickory	28601
Longview.....	Richard Towery, Connelly Springs	28612
Newton, First.....	Raleigh Castelloe, 721 S. College Ave., Newton	28658
Penelope.....	Roger Childres, Rt. 2, Box 628, Connelly Spgs.	28612
Springs Road.....	Jack Huffman, Rt. 4, Box 168, Conover	28613
Winkler's Grove.....	Charles Abee, Rt. 1, Box 346, Valdese	28690

STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMAN

Church	Name	Address
Calvary, Hickory.....	John Asherbranner, 1765 13 Ave. SW, Hickory	28601
Calvary, Newton.....	Edward Warren, 714 S Dale Ave., Newton	28658
Catawba.....	Neil Wike, Rt. 1, Box 322, Catawba	28609
Claremont, First.....	Mrs. H. T. Little, Box 193, Claremont	28610
East 1st St. (N).....	Thad Crump, 2107 W. Stewart Ave., Newton	28658
Hickory, East.....	Alvin Ward, 976 22 St. NE, Hickory	28601
Hickory, First.....	Milton Trawick, Box 686, Hickory	28601
Highland.....	Harold Deal, 1690 2 St. NE, Hickory	28601
Hildebran, First.....	Enoch Johnson, Hildebran	28637
Icard.....	Bill Setzer, Rt. 2, Box 955-V, Connelly Spgs.	28612
Newton, First.....	J. R. Roberts, 718 Westside Drive, Newton	28658
North Newton.....	Ed Parkhurst, 1820 N. College Ave., Newton	28658
Penelope.....	Louie Baker, Box 1304, Hickory	28601
Sandy Ridge.....	Boyce Dobbins, Rt. 10, Box 464, Hickory	28601
Springs Road.....	Joe Watkins, 1732 29 St. NE, Hickory	28601
Warlick's.....	Roscoe Huffman, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	28612
Wayside.....	Ed Cook, Rt. 7, Box 796, Hickory	28601
Winkler's Grove.....	Willard Cline, Rt. 7, Box 89, Hickory	28601

CHAIRMAN OF MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Church	Name	Address
East 1st St. (N).....	Marvin Lee, Rt. 3, Box 382, Newton	28658
Hickory, East.....	Clemmie Self, 1606 E. Ave. SE, Hickory	28601
Hickory, First.....	C. W. Broome, 26 5 Ave. NW, Hickory	28601
Penelope.....	Mayo Weaver, Box 1566, Hickory	28601
Warlick's.....	Mrs. Avery Orders, Rt. 2, Connelly Springs	28612

Historical Table

Year	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher of Annual Sermon
1956	Hickory, First; Hildebran, First	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	V. C. Martin
1957	West Hickory; Mtn. Grove	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	O. Jack Murphy
1958	Viewmont; Providence	Fritz D. Hemphill	Miss Helen Cater	James Helvey, Jr.
1959	Catawba; Hickory, First	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	B. R. Holbrook
1960	East Hickory; Viewmont	J. Howard Cates	Miss Helen Cater	Albert A. Young
1961	Penelope	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Matt L. Hastings
1962	Warlick's	Donald E. Greene	Miss Helen Cater	Jack L. Falls
1963	Newton, First; Highland	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	Frank H. Thomas
1964	Hickory, First; Corinth	Wayne V. Riddle	Miss Helen Cater	J. Roy Robinson
1965	Hildebran, First; Central	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	James R. Rowles, Jr.
1966	Viewmont; Providence	L. Vernon Connell	Miss Helen Cater	Harold A. Savell
1967	Icard; North Newton	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	Wayne V. Riddle
1968	Catawba; West Hickory	Albert A. Young	Miss Helen Cater	L. Vernon Connell
1969	Springs Road; Winklers Grove	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Roy Beals
1970	East Hickory; Lakeview	J. Roy Robinson	Miss Helen Cater	Ted L. Starnes
1971	Sweetwater; Penelope	Gerald C. Goodwin	Miss Helen Cater	Harvey Laughter
1972	Highland; Longview	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	Wray G. Barrett
1973	Providence; Woodlawn	Roy Beals	Miss Helen Cater	William J. Furr
1974	Sandy Ridge/Temple	William J. Furr	Miss Helen Cater	Harold Threatt
1975	Mountain Grove, Central	Homer E. Bradley	Miss Helen Cater	Homer F. Greene

Statistical Tables

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County	Year organized as a church	Location		Services held twice on Sunday?		Total Baptisms		Other additions (by letter, statement, etc.)	Members lost (by letter, death, statement, etc.)	Present resident members	Present nonresident members	Grand total present members	No. members received from non-Baptist Churches	No. members lost to non-Baptist Churches	Value of pastor's home if owned by the church	Value of church property including pastor's home	Total church debt at end of this associational year
		Y	N	Y	N	Y	N										

1—Open Country (500 pop. or more)
2—Suburban (500-999 pop.)
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CHURCHES										MUSIC DIRECTORS & ADDRESSES			
Brookford Calvary (H)	None	John D. Marr, Rt. 7, Box 207, Hickory 28601	3	5	6	25							
Calvary (N)		Mrs. Sharon Bramlett, Rt. 1, Box 39, Newton 28658				15							
Catawba		Benny Johnson, Box 671, Hildebran 28637		25	35	32							
Central	None					15							
Claremont, First	Harold Whitener, Box 2833, Hickory 28601					15							
Corinth	Charles Taylor, 1506 N. Frye Ave., Newton 28658					15							
East First St. (N)	Dale Moore, Rt. 3, Box 722, Newton 28658		10	20	20	30							
Fairbrook	Virgil Buff, Box 462, Hildebran 28637		6	8	12	18							
Fairgrove	Sidney E. Tanner, Rt. 6, Box 277, Hickory 28601			41	22	28							
Hickory, East	David O. Byler, 616 N. Center St., Hickory 28601		25	83	65	79							
First	Edgar L. Lineberger, 1134 Main Ave. Dr. NW, Hickory 28601			26	31	38							
West	Julian S. Suggs, III, 858 S St. NW, Hickory 28601		14	60	51	70							
Highland	Larry Abernethy, Rt. 4, Box 832, Hickory 28601			4	16	33							
Hildebran, First	John Mode, Hildebran 28637					32							
Icard	Louis R. Robinson, 533 18 St. NW, Hickory 28601				21	24							
Lakeview	Leonard Tolbert, 1875 28 St. NE, Hickory 28601			8	12	4							
Longview	Clarence Roberts, Box 2553, Hickory 28601					22							
Mountain Grove	Charles B. Craig, 712 7 Ave. SW, Conover 28613		15	30	30	45							
Newton, First	Harold D. Ellis, 816 E. 22 St., Newton 28658		16	22	13	36							
North	Mrs. Charles Curtis, Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover 28613		1	10	12	23							
Oxford	J. Harold Craig, Box 4065, Hickory 28601		15	48	20	24							
Penelope	Buddy Whitener, Rt. 8, Box 540, Hickory 28601					22							
Providence	Lloyd D. Pittman, Box 1286, Hickory 28601			35		40							
Sandy Ridge	None		5	9	30	2							
Springs Road	Dillon Cannon, Rt. 1, Box 21-C, Hickory 28601					21							
Startown	Mrs. Frances Clontz, Rt. 3, Box 445, Hickory 28601				12	17							
Sweetwater	Mrs. Smoot Baker, 603 12 St. NE, Hickory 28601				12	19							
Temple	Play Hollar, Rt. 7, Box 186, Hickory 28601				18	28							
Unity	Charles R. Brown, Rt. 9, Box 214, Hickory 28601												
Viewmont	Charles Gallagher, 1448 Lydia Ave., NW, Valdese 28690		12	30	45	47							
Warlick's	Mrs. Edith Cook, Rt. 7, Box 796, Hickory 28601		4	6	8	12							
Wayside	Willard Cline, Rt. 7, Box 89, Hickory 28601		2	15	25	15							
Winkler's Grove	Paul McManus, Jr., Box 726, Conover 28613		19	35	22	40							
Woodlawn	TOTALS		147	520	555	936	141	216	37	200	6	2760	1967

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			Brookford	Mrs. Katie Parker, 1728 2 St. SW, Hickory 28601	45															x				18801		18801	4000				500	7000	11500
			Calvary (H)	John Asherbranner, 1765 13 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601	20														x					18141		18141	6361				515	1750	8626
			Calvary (N)	Kenneth Wiggs, Rt. 4, Box 100, Newton 28658																	x	013	001	46000		46000	15332			8415	1622	9700	35069
			Catawba	Mrs. Cleo Abernathy, Box 234, Catawba 28609	28																x	09	01	30771		30771	7242		14500	4697	833	6946	37159
			Central	Carroll Eckard, Rt. 2, Box 953, Connelly Spgs. 28612	100	x																10	007	66995	3031	7026	225000	16770	300000	15803	3004	16746	352323
			Claremont, First	Mrs. Ross J. Little, Rt. 1, Box 467, Claremont 28610	56															x				23502	1245	24747	5855		895	11193	779	6557	25279
Corinth	Jack Petty, Rt. 8, Box 559, Hickory 28601	50				x	05	01	35800		35800	11550			4766	1645	11679	24874															
East First St (N)	Gene Hass, Box 384, Newton 28658	143	x				10	01	47437	28069	75506	13000				968	44540	63274															
Fairbrook	Mrs. Chloe Taylor, Rt. 3, Box 546-D, Newton 28658								21076	223	21299	5990		16089		1011	1060	24150															
Fairgrove	Charles Shook, 605 8 St. SW, Conover 28613	50			x		10		24517		24517	10083		395	6609	854	5233	23179															
Hickory, East	Parks Rogers, 933 14 St. SE, Hickory 28601	100				x	10	008	76158		76158	28443		8500	9695	1609	31312	79559															
Hickory, First	Dewey V. Wright, 316 25 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	334		x			207	008	351548	38462	390010	89394			71675	4516	80593	246178															
Hickory, West	Mrs. Ronald C. Lail, 40 12 St., NW, Hickory 28601	200				x	26	012	117500		117500	11000			6730	3850	76350	130200															
Highland	Robert Hodges, 1016 6 Ave. NW, Hickory 28601	260				x	20	01	194512	9123	203635	52933		10500		15347	64298	143078															
Hildebran, First	Frank Johnson, Box 391, Hildebran 28637	115				x	10	01	95470	4205	99675	160000	19955	256340	10839	1306	19980	308420															
Icard	Mrs. Amos Lingerfelt, Box 245, Icard 28666	140				x	12	005	73475	1678	75153	21161			4020	2187	34878	58226															
Lakeview	Robert H. Bowles, Rt. 10, Box 70, Hickory 28601	50				x	25	009	59229		59229	22441			1639	1700	9841	38002															
Longview		50				x	10	01	24004		24004	9730		88		865	9667	21989															
Mountain Grove	Eddie Whitener, Rt. 8, Box 58, Hickory 28601	75	x						70374		70374	3120	20020		19374	2810	21763	63967															
Newton, First	Don Wilson, 203 6 St. NE, Conover 28613	345				x	11	01	115680		115680	6946	40555	10000	4410	4044	29803	88812															
Newton, North	Ed Parkhurst, 1820 N. College Ave., Newton 28658	125	x				10	01	79480	660	80140	28320			16499	1451	21766	68036															
Oxford	Mrs. Charles Curtis, Rt. 4, Box 231, Conover 28613	69		x			10		24855	441	25296	5250			5553	971	2675	14449															
Penelope	Mrs. Edity Triggs, 3564 1 Ave. Cr., NW, Hickory 28601	375				x	7.1	003	175178	73103	248281	38054	365270	72242	23000	7379	102193	241334															
Providence	Gary Whitener, Rt. 4, Box 354, Hickory 28601					x			26844		26844				5500	670	124	12014															
Sandy Ridge	James C. Harmon, Rt. 9, Box 235, Hickory 28601	75	x				10	005	70099	540	70639	5720			8432	3000	23322	65821															
Springs Road	Roy Lafone, Rt. 2, Box 135, Hickory 28601	90	x				12	01	73265		73265	17800			23454	2269	23968	67491															
Startown	Arnold Putman, Rt. 1, Box 343, Maiden 28650	40	x				10	01	28400		28400	39000	8885	39000	9853	679	8839	67256															
Sweetwater	Johnny Clontz, Rt. 3, Box 445, Hickory 28601	40				x	10	01	20149	1451	21600	8520			4715	720	6855	20810															
Temple	Richard Brittain, Rt. 11, Box 264, Hickory 28601	70				x	13	007	50811	1283	52094	19189			12189	1261	11959	44598															
Unity	Charles Johnson, Box 318, Rhodhiss 28667	45				x	6	01	24144		24144	8580			4805	267	6603	20255															
Viewmont	Mrs. Margaret Panther, Rt. 6, Box 1426, Hickory 28601	125	x				17	007	167031		167031	68168			2560	3760	60998	135486															
Warlick's	Mrs. Robert Enis, Box 99, Icard 28666	75				x			28987	219	29206	15000		25096	2100	832	10799	49227															
Wayside	Mrs. Edith McClellan, 1032 15 St SE, Hickory 28601	18							7945		7945				879	128	696	7929															
Winkler's Grove	A. G. Mull, 417 25 St. SW, Hickory 28601	240							87973	200	88173	5076	23880		8395	2792	12081	47148															
Woodlawn	John Fortner, Box 653, Conover 28613	175					10	006	128771	1311	130082	22549	21440			3491	42940	90420															
TOTALS		3723	7	1	6	1	19		2504922	165244	2670166	510438	748105	775085	307799	79635	825514	2736138															

TABLE H MISSION EXPENDITURES										1975	
Association THERON RANKIN											
State NORTH CAROLINA											
Associational Superintendent of Missions (Associational Missionary)											
MISS HELEN CATER											
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City Hickory											
State North Carolina											
Zip 28601											
CHURCH CLERKS & ADDRESSES											
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Brookford Calvary (H)	Miss Jane Wilson, 1743 S. Center St., Hickory 28601										
Calvary (H)	Mrs. Ann Cook, 522 S Ave. SW, Hickory 28601										
Calvary (N)	Mrs. Kathy T. George, Box 932, Conover 28613										
Catawba	Miss Edna Danner, Box 443, Catawba 28609										
Central	Mrs. Ruby Johnson, Gen. Delivery, Hildebran 28637										
Claremont, First	Mrs. H. T. Little, Box 193, Claremont 28610										
Corinth	Mrs. Tommy Poovey, Rt. 3, Box 338, Vale 28168										
East First St. (N)	Mrs. Charles Taylor, 1506 N. Frye Ave., Newton 28658										
Fairbrook	Mrs. Wanda Mull, Rt. 3, Box 173, Hickory 28601										
Fairgrove	Mrs. A. C. Sigmon, Rt. 2, Box 163, Conover 28613										
Hickory, East	Mrs. Richard Robbins, Rt. 6, Box 388, Hickory 28601										
First	Mrs. Clyde F. Smith, Rt. 10, Box 772, Hickory 28601										
West	Mrs. Ronald C. Lail, 4012 St. NW, Hickory 28601										
Highland	V. H. White, Box 355, Hickory 28601										
Hildebran, First	Allen Stafford, Box 80, Icard 28666										
Icard	Ray Horton, 718 10 St. Blvd., NW, Hickory 28601										
Lakeview	Mrs. Jeniel Stewart, Rt. 9, Box 729, Hickory 28601										
Longview	Mrs. Wayne Reese, Rt. 2, Box 587-K, Connelly Spgs. 28612										
Mountain Grove	Mrs. Jim Leatherman, Rt. 8, Box 340, Hickory 28601										
Newton, First	Mrs. Bill Mangrum, 825 W. 6 St. Cr., Newton 28658										
North	Mrs. Marcell Whisnant, 511 E. 21 St., Newton 28658										
Oxford	Mrs. Joe Canipe, Rt. 1, Box 592, Conover 28613										
Penelope	Cecil Sigmon, 318 33rd St. SW, Hickory 28601										
Providence	Mrs. Harold Huffman, Rt. 1, Box 433, Hickory 28601										
Sandy Ridge	Mrs. Larry Teague, Rt. 9, Box 828, Hickory 28601										
Springs Road	Mrs. Betty Roark, Rt. 6, Box 417, Hickory 28601										
Startown	Mrs. Sybil Hughey, Rt. 4, Box 233, Newton 28658										
Sweetwater	Mrs. Vernon Roberts, Rt. 9, Box 1134, Hickory 28601										
Temple	Mrs. Jack Franklin, 2230 15 Ave. SW, Hickory 28601										
Unity	Mrs. Joyce Waycaster, 70 34 St. NW, Hickory 28601										
Viewmont	Mrs. Ted H. Rhyme, 1191 18 Ave. NE, Hickory 28601										
Warlick's	Mrs. Homer Goodman, Box 224, Rhodhiss 28667										
Wayside	Mrs. Edith Cook, Rt. 7, Box 796, Hickory 28601										
Winkler's Grove	David Mull, 132 27 St. NW, Hickory 28601										
Woodlawn	W. E. Burton, Jr., Box 743, Conover 28613										
TOTALS										1150	1440

OTHER MISSION CAUSE EXPENDITURES											
Mission program											
Associational missions	Designated: State										
Cooperative Program	Designated: SBC Home Missions (incl. Annie Armstrong Easter offering)										
	Designated: SBC For. Miss. (incl. Lottie Moon Christmas offering)										
	Designated: Christian education (schools, etc.)										
	Designated: Children's homes (cash plus goods)										
	Designated: Hospitals										
	Designated: Homes for the aged										
	Designated: All other (Bible Society, Temp. League, etc.)										
Total other mission cause expenditures										10807	
Grand Total										24160	

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